

## Dobbs Statement Clips

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### TV:

<p><b>MSNBC:</b> <a href="#">Andrea Mitchell Reports</a></p>  <p>The screenshot shows a news broadcast from MSNBC. On the left, there is a large crowd of people gathered outdoors, with some holding signs. On the right, a female news anchor is speaking from a studio. The text overlay at the bottom of the image reads 'BREAKING NEWS SUPREME COURT OVERTURNS ROE V. WADE' and 'MSNBC REPORTS'. A small box in the top left corner of the image says 'THE SUPREME COURT 12:36 PM'.</p>	<p><b>MSNBC 6/24/2022 12:35:15 PM:</b> ...thinks, do not want to go back not just to the 1950s but to the 1850s which is exactly what this decision does. &gt;&gt; senator klobuchar, merrick garland talked about protecting women who want to travel from one state to another. some the people we have interviewed talked about length lating. senator collins says that they will attempt -- i think senator cane's bipartisan bill to codify roe v. wade. can congress do that? considering it's a 50/50 senate and that you have got at least 13 states with trigger laws. certainly, nearly half the states, 26 states, as you pointed out, in your map, where it's going to be illegal, with no exceptions in some. &gt;&gt; andrea, the filibuster, which i don't support, i would get rid of it, it's a 60-vote threshold. we have senators out there that are out and out talking about putting in legislation on the republican side to been abortion. to me, the answer is simple. it's november. it's the ballot box. that's what it is. the women of this country and the men that support them -- it's not just democrats. moderate republicans, independents understand, this is a step too far. enough is enough. you cannot get rid a right that's been there for 50 years with the argument that the word abortion was never in the constitution. the word woman isn't in the constitution. she isn't in the constitution. the air force isn't in the constitution. they are literally taking us backwards. the answer to me is to fight to november and to elect candidates that are going to uphold the woman's right to trust that she can make the decision for herself. betweenler lerher doctor, with her family. they don't want ted cruz making those decisions.</p>
<p><b>Fox Business:</b> <a href="#">Cavuto Coast to Coast</a></p>	<p><b>FBN 6/24/2022 12:03:56 PM:</b> ...reporter: coming in from both sides of the aisle on capitol hill. a big push from democrats for congress to codify roe now, even moderates like senator joe manchin say he would support that move. we heard from the attorney general merit garland of the justice Department. he says he supports congress moving to do that. progressives though are pushing this to use as a way to echo origin to revisit calls to expand the supreme court saying that this decision was made by a republican-controlled supreme court. there's also a big contingent of black congresswoman led by congresswoman ianna presley writ ing a letter to president biden asking him to declare a public health and national emergency and asking him to use any and all executive authorities to address the public health crisis our nation will face if roe v. wade is dismantled. democrats are also using this to push ahead into november, saying or warning that states will not stop at just</p>

restricting abortion access but instead, will push to restrict access to things like birth control

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**FNC 6/24/2022 2:23:21**

**PM:** ...threatened Justice Kavanaugh and Gorsuch by name, said you have unleashed the whirlwind you won't know what hit you, and it's really cynical to see Democrats condoning violence. I call upon Merrick Garland, the attorney general, to be on watch to stop any violence today, not to allow radicals who want to employ mob violence, to threaten pro-life pregnancy centers, to enforce the rule of law and pause for a second also and say look, as much as we need to be vigilant preventing violence, I believe it's a moment for incredible celebrations. This is a momentum moment. 49 years in the coming, and today's decision is a vindication for the rule of law, but it's also a testament to millions of activists, millions of women who march in the March for Life, who organize behind the provincial campaign, George W. Bush, Donald Trump, this is 49 years of hard work to reverse the decision.

**CNN: [CNN Newsroom With Alisyn Camerota and Victor Blackwell](#)**



CNN 6/24/2022 2:06:22 PM ... Right, we could hear their language talking about basically trying to galvanize voters and now it's in the hands of voters. But in terms of what the president was saying about the Department of Justice and keeping this from being criminalized or women being criminalized, what can they do there? >> reporter: the president gave a window into these debates that have been going on behind the scenes. Legal debates, policy debates, regulatory debates as they've tried to figure out pathways to address particularly states that are continuing to allow abortions that may border with states that will not anymore. The Justice Department, the president making very clear, will fight back on any efforts to criminalize things like travel. Of course, the FDA obviously, the health and human services Department will be looking at abortion pills that can be purchased as well, making sure those remain legal. There are going to be a series of things rolled out over the course of the next several weeks on the regulatory side on what the Justice Department can do that underscores the administration's efforts, knowing this was coming but also note this. Vice President Kamala Harris is in Illinois today. She has been a key player behind the scenes over the course of the last several months on this issue. She will be rolling out a rather sweeping maternal health proposal, set of proposals, on that trip to Illinois and while this was long in the works before this decision came through, it certainly takes on a new moment of urgency in this administration, given some of the health challenges they believe will be raised by what happened today, Alisyn. >> okay, Phil Mattingly, thank you for all of that reporting. >>>

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FNC 6/24/2022 1:36:51 PM: ...nation the contending size of the nation a night of peace, and it's not the Supreme Court's job to find a right to abortion in the Constitution. So absolutely, Department of Justice should defend churches and pro-life centers and the justices bravely stuck to the Constitution text in history, I commend them for that. >> trace: I was kind of fascinated by the reaction of the Obamas, and control room has called for 13, the president came out against the decision of course. Michelle Obama's reaction. She says, quoting here, I am destined to learn before Roe was made



law of the land, when women risk losing their lives getting illegal abortions. our hearts may be broken today but tomorrow we have to find the courage to creating the more just america we all deserve. we have so much left to push for, rally for, to speak for, and i know we can do this together. it's interesting to me because as we have noted the former president is a constitutional law student, he's an attorney, so he knows what he's talking about. he knows very well that roe was never a constitutional issue.

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**FNC 6/24/2022 1:30:02 PM:** ...who believe a certain way. >> trace: and before gorsuch and kavanaugh and there was merrick, he issued a statement, the justice Department disagrees with the court's decision. travelling to obtain reproductive care may not be feasible, but women who reside in states who banned access to reproductive care must remain free to seek that care in states where it is legal, so it gives you an idea of the politics of roe versus wade versus the actual legality of it. >> kayleigh: and ruth bader ginsburg, it halted, and she was -- and the interesting lines in the opinion were this. said roe abruptly ended the political process, imposed the same highly restrictive regime on the entire nation and declare on page 35, and thus return the power to weigh those arguments to the people and their elected representatives. when a supreme court opinion reads more like a statute than a reasoning based on history, precedent and text, that's a problem and if you read roe, a numbered list, trimesters, cite science here and there, it reads like legislation, no supreme court opinion should do. >> trace: science, but the same who went for science in covid you have to follow it and now it doesn't matter.

**CNBC: [Fast Money Halftime Report](#)**



**CNBC 6/24/2022 12:04:24 PM:** ...states cannot restrict travel, cannot make it illegal for women to go from a state that bans abortion to a state that doesn't to receive care. that's a point that attorney general merrick garland made in a statement. says states shouldn't be able to do that. also says under the first amendment, people should be free to get counsel on reproductive care available in other states that shouldn't be illegal. the dissenters filed a long, impassioned joint dissent. they say the supreme court says that from the very moment of fertilization a woman has no rights to speak of, a state can force her to bring a pregnancy to term even at the steepest personal and family cost

**MSNBC: [MSNBC Reports](#)**



**MSNBC 06/24/2022 11:59:45 AM:** ...We are hearing from attorney general garland in a statement that is also describing some of what the federal government can do. merrick garland saying the justice department disagrees with this decision. it will have an immediate and irreversible impact on the lives of paemeople across the country, with the most disproportionate felt by people of color and those of limited financial means. we are getting a sense from the attorney general of what the justice department can do. it amounts to strict enforcement of current laws that would protect some of the other things that are necessary for women to get abortions, particularly if and when they are banned in many of the states. the justice department in this statement pointing out that women who reside in states that have banned access must remain free to seek that care in states where it's legal. i think

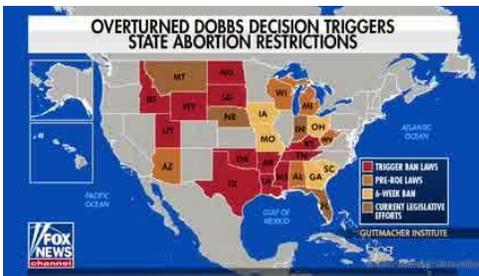
we can expect to see the justice department making sure that there are not infringements on the rights of women who live in states to travel to another state where it will remain legal in search of an abortion. merrick garland talking about the abortion pill and the fact that states are not going to be allowed to pass laws more restrictive, to prohibit access to drugs that the fda has authorized as safe and effective for women to use. we are also hearing from the justice department on the issue of access to abortion clinics and the fact that it's not legal under the freedom of access to clinic entrances act to block people's physical access to walk into an abortion clinic. the justice department saying it's going to make sure that that right is protected. as you can see, these are steps around the margins. this is not the Biden administration saying we are going to enforce the ability for women across the country to get an abortion. that's something that only congress can do. that's why we expect a key element of what president Biden will have to say to be about the election and making sure to elect politicians who will ensure a woman's right to choose in future. ...

**CNBC: [TechCheck](#)**



**CNBC 6/24/2022 11:44:13 AM:...** I have just gotten a statement from the attorney general Merrick Garland. The journalist of it is, quoting now, the Supreme Court has eliminated an established right that has been an essential part of women's liberty for half a century. A right that safeguarded women's ability to participate fully and equally in society and the refounding of this fundamental right, which it had repeatedly recognized and reaffirmed, the court has upended the doctrine of stare decisis, a key pillar of the rule of law. That from Merrick Garland. *Dobbs vs. Jackson Women's Health* in Mississippi overturns *Roe v. Wade*. Republican lawmakers are weighing in.

**Fox: [America Reports With John Roberts and Sandra Smith](#)**



**FNC 6/24/2022 2:54:09 PM:** ...the issue of abortion back to the state so that example that worked so far is Arizona, where abortion will be illegal and California, where it will be legal, and Merrick Garland said the Justice department recognizes the fact people will have to cross state lines for abortion and DOJ. does not seem to mind that happening. >> Sandra: hearing cheers in the background, wondering who is walking about. a lot of members of congress are seizing on the moment to talk to the folks. David, thank you very much. >> trace: David Kilmeade, laid it out this goes back to the states, if you live in Arizona and abortion is outlawed in Arizona, you can drive across the border to California and voters get to decide how the state reacts. >> Brian: hallmark gun legislation since 1993, pretty big, and then New York, and then you have *Roe v. Wade* come down and most important what president Biden said at the end of the speech, guys, calm down, protest, I want it peacefully, also said went out of his way, took half the speech to say this is about politics.

**CNN: [CNN Newsroom With Alisyn Camerota and Victor Blackwell](#)**

**CNN 6/24/2022 2:45:27 PM:** ...Attorney General Merrick Garland says the entire department, quote, strongly disagrees with today's ruling by the Supreme Court. You'll remember the important context here, it was Merrick Garland who would have been on the Supreme Court for this decision had Mitch McConnell not blocked the process, and instead ushered in former president Trump's pick of Neil



Gorsuch. CNN senior Justice correspondent Evan Perez joins me live. what is Merrick Garland's plan? >> reporter: Alisyn, you point out the tremendously consequential decision in 2016, why Merrick Garland is now in this position, and he says, and you know, based on what has been happening the last few weeks, that the Department of Justice is going to be essentially going state to state, as these states try to react to what this ruling from the Supreme Court to enact different laws, and so you can expect that this is going to be state-by-state combat between the states and the justice department. I'll read you just a part of what Merrick Garland's statement today says. It says, the ability to decide one's own future is a fundamental American value and few decisions are more significant and personal than the choice of whether and when to have children. The Justice Department will use every tool at our disposal to protect reproductive freedom, and we will not waver from the department's founding responsibility to protect the civil rights of all Americans, and in other parts of the statement, you can already see where this is going, Alisyn. for instance, the statement says that the department will work with other federal agencies to ensure that there are -- there's access to reproductive tools that women have, and that includes, for instance, the FDA's approval of methopristone which is one of the ways states might try to do it is to ban over-the-counter on the availability of drugs that are used to abort, used to have abortions, so these are the types of things that the justice department, you can expect, is going to be fighting the states in the coming months and perhaps years to come as this issue is far from being settled.

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**FBN 6/24/2022 2:43:15 PM:** ...now. >> yes. you have these groups like [inaudible] that are saying they are going to carry out this night of rage and summer of rage, and it's inappropriate for the attorney general or the president or the white house or anyone to be fanning those flames of rage. there are plenty of times decisions have come down from the court that I didn't agree with, but I respect the court and their right to make those decisions. and what we see with this is that as they exercise their right to revisit a decision, as they looked at the Dobbs case, and attorney general finch of Mississippi who led this effort and did a wonderful job with this effort, laying out that case, that the court looked at that reasoning that she had presented to the court, in her briefings and the argument that her team made, and they decided yes, indeed, this is something that should go back to the states, to the people to have their say.

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**FBN 6/24/2022 4:19:49 PM:** ...with the same cases being brought to the supreme court to bring it up to that level. that's a whole other issue. but i want to say on the norms front. joe Biden had his department of justice come out and wad row Kate in favor of congress passing pro abortion legislation. merrick garland is advocating for that. also i think it's important to point out that president Joe Biden encouraged the intimidation obvious is at their homes. he said he didn't want violence. but the supreme court didn't waiver despite the attacks, and they continued with their job and that gives people the confidence that they have the courage not to give in to the violent mob that tried to change their



decision. larry: it's going to go black we don't get out on time. but i think it's a good week for the supremes.

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**FNC 6/24/2022 4:05:30 PM:** ...justices did not win. and the truth is, pro life americans are not planning a night of rage. >> attorney general merrick garland, the nation's chief law enforcement officer once a supreme court nominee himself released a lengthy statement today neil disappointed with the high court. however calling for no violence. he said in part, advocates with different views on this issue have the right to and will voice their opinions peacefully expressing a view is protected by the first amendment, but we must be clear that violence and threats of violence are not. the justice department will not tolerate such acts. the national guard is on standby at this hour but has not been mobilized. the east side of the u.s. capitol has been closed off for security reasons. neil? >> neil: david spunts, thanks for that.

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**FNC 6/24/2022 4:14:43 PM:** ...happen outside the supreme court itself or the justices themselves particularly of the six that voted for this. probably a safe bet that they're not in town right now. there was a lot of criticism, merrick garland, that he wasn't doing more to enforce safety and limit the protests. there's laws in the books that prevent that. but now a lot of protesters have been telling me since this is already decided and the law was meant to avoid protest that justices homes where cases were about to be decided, it's free and fair game to go to their homes and do whatever the heck they want. what do you think of that? >> yeah, i hope that's not the right reading of the statute. intimidation could include aftermath hopefully. look, there's a couple of flash points today in terms of the attorney general and president biden talking about nonviolence. glad to hear the nonviolence piece but i was not happy that there's general disrespect for the institution, including talking about it being cruel, un-american, referring to the justices as essentially picking on women. that's not really what they do. that's not what they did. the institutional safety of the reputation of the supreme court over the long run is concerning. what worries me is what was said about nonviolence but what was done. we had an attempted assassination of a supreme court justice. they're saying the right things but we'll have to wait to see if there is violence and how this department of justice treats it. >> neil: sometimes you didn't get that signal out of the president today. i'll go into this more depth later. he was more or less criticizing the process and the former president, his predecessor, that laid the ground work for this even though it was donald trump's right to appoint the justices he did. he went back to the merrick garland situation. back and forth over the process and how wrong the process was because you didn't agree with the decision. no such comments when you do agree. i'm wondering if that is a slippery slope right

	<p>there. &gt;&gt; yeah, it is the type of stuff that creates a climate of disrespect and possible harm. when i was a prosecutor, ...</p>
<p><b>Fox:</b> <a href="#">Fox Business Tonight</a></p> 	<p><b>FBN 6/24/2022 5:12:08 PM:</b> ... &gt;&gt; the history of roe is that it further politicized the Justice Department. If that's what Attorney General Garland is saying, that means roe is going out the way it came in. It's sheer politics and it's never been defensible as law. Dagen: thank you for being here, Andy McCarthy, always a pleasure, is especially on such an important day for the nation.</p>

**Radio:**

<p><a href="#">National Public Radio</a></p>	<p><b>NPR 06/24/2022 12:53:19 PM:</b> ...I don't know if there's much he can't do. I mean, I'm curious to see what happens next when it comes to actions following those specific Warnings that he said that his Attorney general, Merrick Garland and made this point as well that the administration will defend that bedrock right as he put it, to allow women to travel over state lines to allow doctors to treat women from other States without without punishment. Curious what that specifically looks like if that's fighting crisis and quarter something more broad same things what sort of protections he puts in place for for the US mail which is of course a a federal system. I think the other thing that's worth pointing out, especially as we know, recently. Somebody was arrested armed arrested outside Justice Kavanaugh's House Biden repeatedly. Toward the end of a speech ...</p>
<p><a href="#">National Public Radio</a></p>	<p><b>NPR 6/24/2022 12:36:39 PM:</b> ...now taking away right that people have have had for 50 years nearly my entire lifetime and dissenters on the court. The 3 liberal justices protested. We've heard from Attorney general Merrick Garland who says this will have a devastating impacts on people, particularly people of limited financial means and people of color. This is going to flow of in the weeks and months and years ahead. In fact, there are some questions now about whether some of the legal reasoning in this holding in this case we call Dobbs could apply to other rights including contraception between married couples, same-sex marriage and other things that involve personal lives and intimate issues and now we're expecting to hear from the President.</p>
<p><a href="#">Bloomberg Radio</a></p>	<p><b>WBBR 06/24/2022 12:28:58 PM:</b> ...today to overturn Roe vs. Wade and Casey versus planned a Parenthood's referring to what the Democrats had done for many years as what he called a radical agenda that now is going to return and also warning the Attorney general to make sure that they protected against possible violence in demonstrations against what has been done saying that 140 days that there's going to be a new Sheriff in town at least they're going to have he thinks a majority House and they will hold Merrick Garland to account for a summary now where we are. We turn now to our washing correspondent Joe</p>

	<p>Matthew he is, of course, the host of sound on every day week at 5 p.m. eastern time he up at the Supreme court, United States. So what is the agenda of the roads ...</p>
<a href="#">National Public Radio</a>	<p><b>NPR 6/24/2022 1:39:14 PM:</b> ...have the votes to do that, then Americans must make this a defining issue in the November elections Biden suggested abortion rights will be on the ballot in the midterm elections. Attorney general, merrick Garland denounces today's court decision as a devastating blow to reproductive freedom and says the Justice Department will work tirelessly to protect abortion rights listening to hear now</p>
<a href="#">Bloomberg Radio</a>	<p><b>WBRR 6/24/2022 11:54:22 AM:</b> We also heard from Attorney general Merrick Garland. He says the Justice Department will use every tool at its disposal to protect reproductive freedom. We're also waiting for a live comments from the House Republican leadership. They issued a statement moments after the decision came down, saying this will save countless lives. Obviously Republicans are jubilant following this decision we actually heard from Republican Senator Lindsey Graham, crediting President Trump saying that a former President Trump saying all these decades of toiling in the vineyards fighting for conservative justices has paid off the the political battle lines just to put it in a cliché having drawn a very quickly a much different political landscape now following the abortion-rights decision from the Supreme court pollen that right anything</p>
<a href="#">National Public Radio</a>	<p><b>NPR 6/24/2022 4:09:45 PM:</b> ...damaging and an abuse of judicial authority as to what standard the court should apply in the event a state law is challenge, she said. Any state regulation is presumptively valid, and must be upheld. attorney general, merrick Garland, however, said in a statement that FDA-approved pills that induce abortion may not be banned the court's vote was 6 to 3 or 5 to 4, depending on how you look at it all 5 of the court's conservative signed onto the opinion accept chief Justice John Roberts, he wrote. Separately, saying that while he agreed that the reasoning in Roe was wrong the courts other decisions upholding the right to abortion did not merit reversal, he would have upheld Mississippi's law banning abortion after 15 weeks, thus preserving the right to get an abortion. For more than 3 months while at the same time, avoiding what he called a serious jolt to the legal system all the justices in the majority were appointed by Republican presidents the dissenters appointed by Democratic presidents. The courts 3 liberals justices Breyer, Kagan and Sotomayor filed the lengthy joint dissent saying that the court's ruling means that from the very moment of fertilization a woman has no right to speak of a state can force her to bring a pregnancy to term. Even at the steepest personal and familial costs young women today will come of age, they said.</p>
<a href="#">National Public Radio</a>	<p><b>NPR 6/24/2022 5:01:34 PM:</b> ...and the oldest anti-abortion rights group in the country celebrates victory now news Live from NPR news in Washington. I'm Jack spear Attorney General Merrick Garland says the Justice Department strongly disagrees with today's Supreme court ruling on abortion. NPR's Carrie Johnson reports the Biden Justice Department says it will use every tool at its disposal to protect reproductive freed the Attorney general says the conservative majority on the Supreme court has taken away right that safeguarded women's ability to participate fully and equally in society Merrick Garland says the ruling will have an immediate and irreversible impact on people</p>

across the country with poor people and people of color shouldering the greatest burdens Garland says the high court had repeatedly affirmed the right to abortion for decades now. He says it's upended that President and a key pillar of the rule of law. Carrie Johnson, NPR news.

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Odd. It would be more appropriate to say you will respect the Court's ruling as the law of the land. More politics from Biden DOJ: Attorney General Merrick B. Garland Statement on Supreme Court Ruling in Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization



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Attorney General Merrick B. Garland Statement on Suprem...  
Attorney General Merrick B. Garland today released the following statement following the Supreme Court's decision...

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Multiple Democrats have condoned violence. It's wrong and it's cynical.

Merrick Garland needs to enforce the law and not allow radicals who want to use mob violence threaten the Supreme Court, churches, and pro-life pregnancy centers.



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WASHINGTON (AP) — Garland: Justice Department to 'use every tool at our disposal to protect reproductive freedom' after high court ruling.

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Day 2 of AG Garland disagreeing with [#SCOTUS](#).  
In part, "this decision deals a devastating blow to reproductive freedom... it will be greatly disproportionate in its effect – with the greatest burdens felt by people of color and those of limited financial means."

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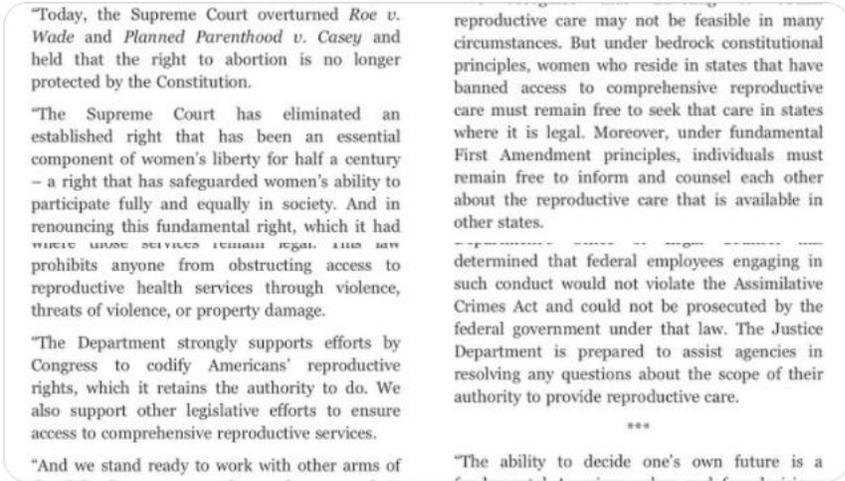
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Merrick Garland: “The Supreme Court has eliminated an established right that has been an essential component of women’s liberty.. The Justice Department strongly disagrees with the Court’s decision... DOJ will use every tool at our disposal to protect reproductive freedom.”



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In a lengthy statement, AG Garland says DOJ "will work tirelessly to protect and advance reproductive freedom" after Dobbs.



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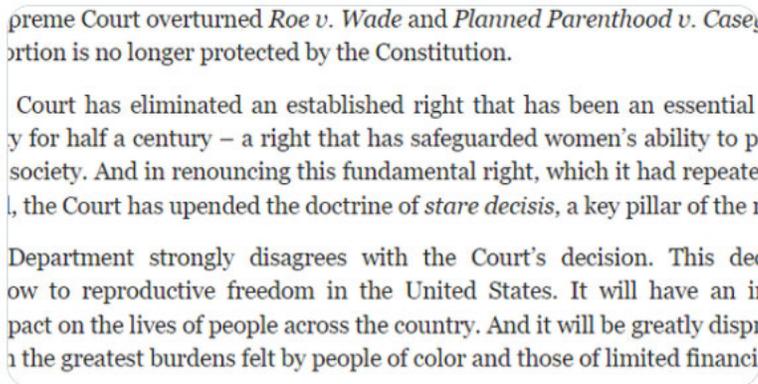
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Attorney General Garland is out with a lengthy statement on the Dobbs ruling. Here's how it begins



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More of Garland's statement: "Under bedrock constitutional principles, women who reside in states that have banned access to comprehensive reproductive care must remain free to seek that care in states where it is legal," adding that speech about how to access care is protected.

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following statement following the Supreme Court's decision in *Dobbs, State Health Officer of the Mississippi Department of Health, et al. v. Jackson Women's Health Organization et al.*:

"Today, the Supreme Court overturned *Roe v. Wade* and *Planned Parenthood v. Casey* and held that the right to abortion is no longer protected by the Constitution.

"The Supreme Court has eliminated an established right that has been an essential component of women's liberty for half a century – a right that has safeguarded women's ability to participate fully and equally in society. And in renouncing this fundamental right, which it had repeatedly recognized and reaffirmed, the Court has upended the doctrine of *stare decisis*, a key pillar of the rule of law.

"The Justice Department strongly disagrees with the Court's decision. This decision deals a devastating blow to reproductive freedom in the United States. It will have an immediate and irreversible impact on the lives of people across the country. And it will be greatly disproportionate in its effect – with the greatest burdens felt by people of color and those of limited financial means.

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"But today's decision does not eliminate the ability of states to keep abortion legal within their borders. And the Constitution continues to restrict states' authority to ban reproductive services provided outside their borders.

"We recognize that traveling to obtain reproductive care may not be feasible in many circumstances. But under bedrock constitutional principles, women who reside in states that have banned access to comprehensive reproductive care must remain free to seek that care in states where it is legal. Moreover, under fundamental First Amendment principles, individuals must remain free to inform and counsel each other about the reproductive care that is available in other states.

"Advocates with different views on this issue have the right to, and will, voice

continue to protect healthcare providers and individuals seeking reproductive health services in states where those services remain legal. This law prohibits anyone from obstructing access to reproductive health services through violence, threats of violence, or property damage.

"The Department strongly supports efforts by Congress to codify Americans' reproductive rights, which it retains the authority to do. We also support other legislative efforts to ensure access to comprehensive reproductive services.

"And we stand ready to work with other arms of the federal government that seek to use their lawful authorities to protect and preserve access to reproductive care. In particular, the FDA has approved the use of the medication Mifepristone. States may not ban Mifepristone based on disagreement with the FDA's expert judgment about its safety and efficacy.

"Furthermore, federal agencies may continue to provide reproductive health services to the extent authorized by federal law. And federal employees who carry out their duties by providing such services must be allowed to do so free from the threat of liability. It is the Department's longstanding position that States generally may not impose criminal or civil liability on federal employees who perform their duties in a manner authorized by federal law. Additionally, the Department's Office of Legal Counsel has determined that federal employees engaging in such conduct would not violate the Assimilative Crimes Act and could not be prosecuted by the federal government under that law. The Justice Department is prepared to assist agencies in resolving any questions about the scope of their authority to provide reproductive care.

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"Few rights are more central to individual freedom than the right to control one's own body.

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Just in: AG Garland with a lengthy statement reacting to SCOTUS overturning Roe v. Wade, calls it a "devastating blow" to reproductive freedom in the U.S. and that DOJ will "will work tirelessly to protect and advance reproductive freedom."

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**Attorney General Merrick B. Garland Statement on Supreme Court Ruling in Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization**

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Advocates with different views on this issue have the right to, and will, voice their opinions. Peacefully expressing a view is protected by the First Amendment. But we must be clear that violence and threats of violence are not. The Justice Department will not tolerate such acts.

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The Justice Department will work tirelessly to protect and advance reproductive freedom.

Under the Freedom of Access to Clinic Entrances Act, the Department will continue to protect healthcare providers and individuals seeking reproductive health services in states where those services remain legal. This law prohibits anyone from obstructing the entrance to a place of public accommodation.

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Attorney General Garland says the Justice Department says it "strongly disagrees with the Court's decision" and it "deals a devastating blow to reproductive freedom in the United States. It will have an immediate and irreversible impact on the lives of people across the country."

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In lengthy statement, Garland also notes: "Women who reside in states that have banned access to comprehensive reproductive care must remain free to seek that care in states where it is legal."

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AG Garland, who in an alternate world held Gorsuch's seat after being nominated and thwarted by McConnell, condemns the decision



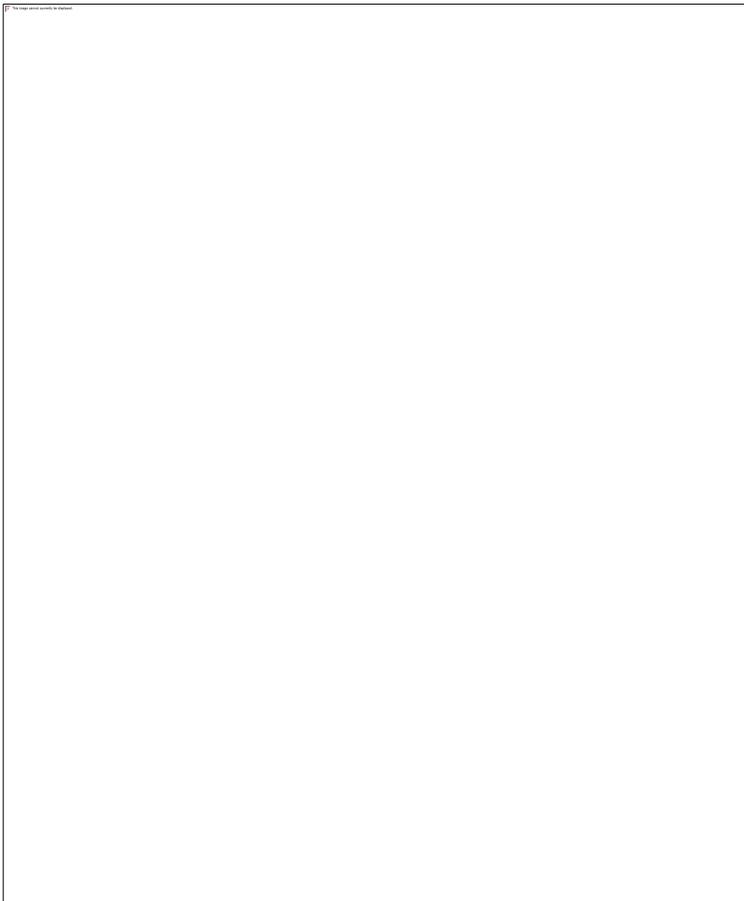
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**BREAKING:** Merrick Garland signals the next legal fight over reproductive rights: abortifacient drugs like Mifepristone, which have been approved by the FDA.

"States may not ban Mifepristone," Garland says.

The argument would be that an FDA decision pre-empts state law.

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Attorney General Merrick Garland said the Justice Department ‘strongly disagrees’ with the Supreme Court’s decision to overturn *Roe v. Wade*.

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**Associated Press:** [Supreme Court overturns \*Roe v. Wade\*; states can ban abortion](#), by Mark Sherman

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court on Friday ended constitutional protections for abortion that had stood in America for nearly a half-century. The decision by the court’s conservative majority overturned the landmark *Roe v. Wade* ruling and is expected to lead to abortion bans in roughly half the states.

The ruling, unthinkable just a few years ago, was the culmination of decades of efforts by abortion opponents, made possible by an emboldened right side of the court that has been fortified by three appointees of former President Donald Trump.

Both sides predicted the fight over abortion would continue, in state capitals and in Washington, and Justice Clarence Thomas, part of Friday’s majority, called on the court to overturn other high court rulings protecting same-sex marriage, gay sex and the use of contraceptives.

Clinics in at least two states, Wisconsin and West Virginia, stopped performing abortions after Friday’s decision.

Abortion foes cheered the ruling, but abortion-rights supporters, including President Joe Biden, expressed dismay and pledged to fight to restore the rights.

“It’s a sad day for the court and for the country,” Biden said at the White House. He urged voters to make it a defining issue in the November elections, declaring, “This decision must not be the final word.”

The ruling came more than a month after the stunning [leak of a draft opinion](#) by Justice Samuel Alito indicating the court was prepared to take this momentous step.

It puts the court at odds with a majority of Americans who favored preserving Roe, according to opinion polls.

Alito, in [the final opinion issued Friday](#), wrote that Roe and Planned Parenthood v. Casey, the 1992 decision that reaffirmed the right to abortion, were wrong the days they were decided and must be overturned.

“We therefore hold that the Constitution does not confer a right to abortion. Roe and Casey must be overruled, and the authority to regulate abortion must be returned to the people and their elected representatives,” Alito wrote, in an opinion that was very similar to the leaked draft.

Authority to regulate abortion rests with the political branches, not the courts, Alito wrote.

Joining Alito were Thomas and Justices Neil Gorsuch, Brett Kavanaugh, Amy Coney Barrett. The latter three justices are Trump appointees. Thomas first voted to overrule Roe 30 years ago.

Four justices would have left Roe and Casey in place.

The vote was 6-3 to uphold the Mississippi law, but Chief Justice John Roberts didn’t join his conservative colleagues in overturning Roe. He wrote that there was no need to overturn the broad precedents to rule in Mississippi’s favor.

Justices Stephen Breyer, Sonia Sotomayor and Elena Kagan — the diminished liberal wing of the court — were in dissent.

“With sorrow—for this Court, but more, for the many millions of American women who have today lost a fundamental constitutional protection—we dissent,” they wrote, warning that abortion opponents now could pursue a nationwide ban “from the moment of conception and without exceptions for rape or incest.”

The ruling is expected to disproportionately affect minority women who already face limited access to health care, according to statistics analyzed by The Associated Press.

Attorney General Merrick Garland said the Justice Department “will work tirelessly to protect and advance reproductive freedom.” He said in a statement that in addition to protecting providers and those seeking abortions in states where it is legal “we stand ready to work with other arms of the federal government that seek to use their lawful authorities to protect and preserve access to reproductive care.”

In particular, Garland said that the federal Food and Drug Administration has approved the use of Mifepristone for medication abortions.

“States may not ban Mifepristone based on disagreement with the FDA’s expert judgment about its safety and efficacy,” Garland said.

More than 90% of abortions take place in the first 13 weeks of pregnancy, and more than half are now done with pills, not surgery, according to data compiled by the Guttmacher Institute, a research group that supports abortion rights.

Mississippi's only abortion clinic, which is at the center of the case, continued to see patients Friday. Outside, men used a bullhorn to tell people inside the clinic that they would burn in hell. Clinic escorts wearing colorful vests used large stereo speakers to blast Tom Petty's "I Won't Back Down" at the protesters.

Mississippi is one of 13 states, mainly in the South and Midwest, that already have laws on the books that ban abortion in the event Roe is overturned. Another half-dozen states have near-total bans or prohibitions after 6 weeks of pregnancy, before many women know they are pregnant.

In roughly a half-dozen other states, the fight will be over dormant abortion bans that were enacted before Roe was decided in 1973 or new proposals to sharply limit when abortions can be performed, according to Guttmacher.

In Wisconsin, which has an 1849 abortion ban on the books, Planned Parenthood immediately halted all scheduled abortions at its clinics in Madison and Milwaukee following the high court's ruling.

The decision came against a backdrop of public opinion surveys that find a majority of Americans oppose overturning Roe and handing the question of whether to permit abortion entirely to the states. Polls conducted by The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research and others also have consistently shown about 1 in 10 Americans want abortion to be illegal in all cases. A majority are in favor of abortion being legal in all or most circumstances, but polls indicate many also support restrictions especially later in pregnancy.

The Biden administration and other defenders of abortion rights have warned that a decision overturning Roe also would threaten other high court decisions in favor of gay rights and even potentially, contraception.

The liberal justices made the same point in their joint dissent: The majority "eliminates a 50-year-old constitutional right that safeguards women's freedom and equal station. It breaches a core rule-of-law principle, designed to promote constancy in the law. In doing all of that, it places in jeopardy other rights, from contraception to same-sex intimacy and marriage. And finally, it undermines the Court's legitimacy."

And Thomas, the member of the court most open to jettisoning prior decisions, wrote a separate opinion in which he explicitly called on his colleagues to put the Supreme Court's same-sex marriage, gay sex and even contraception cases on the table.

But Alito contended that his analysis addresses abortion only. "Nothing in this opinion should be understood to cast doubt on precedents that do not concern abortion," he wrote.

Whatever the intentions of the person who leaked Alito's draft opinion, the conservatives held firm in overturning Roe and Casey.

In his opinion, Alito dismissed the arguments in favor of retaining the two decisions, including that multiple generations of American women have partly relied on the right to abortion to gain economic and political power.

Changing the makeup of the court has been central to the anti-abortion side's strategy, as the dissenters archly noted. "The Court reverses course today for one reason and one reason only: because the composition of this Court has changed," the liberal justices wrote.

Mississippi and its allies made increasingly aggressive arguments as the case developed, and two high-court defenders of abortion rights retired or died. The state initially argued that its law could be upheld without overruling the court's abortion precedents.

Then-Gov. Phil Bryant signed the 15-week measure into law in March 2018, when Justices Anthony Kennedy and Ruth Bader Ginsburg were still members of a five-justice majority that was mainly protective of abortion rights.

By early summer, Kennedy had retired and was replaced by Justice Brett Kavanaugh a few months later. The Mississippi law was blocked in lower federal courts.

But the state always was headed to the nation's highest court. It did not even ask for a hearing before a three-judge panel of the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, which ultimately held the law invalid in December 2019.

By early September 2020, the Supreme Court was ready to consider the state's appeal.

The court scheduled the case for consideration at the justices' private conference on Sept. 29. But in the intervening weeks, Ginsburg died and Barrett was quickly nominated and confirmed without a single Democratic vote.

The stage now was set, although it took the court another half year to agree to hear the case.

By the time Mississippi filed its main written argument with the court in the summer, the thrust of its argument had changed and it was now calling for the wholesale overruling of Roe and Casey.

The first sign that the court might be receptive to wiping away the constitutional right to abortion came in late summer, when the justices divided 5-4 in allowing Texas to enforce a ban on the procedure at roughly six weeks, before some women even know they are pregnant. That dispute turned on the unique structure of the law, including its enforcement by private citizens rather than by state officials, and how it can be challenged in court.

Roberts was among the dissenters.

Then in December, after hearing additional arguments over whether to block the Texas law known as S.B. 8, the court again declined to do so, also by a 5-4 vote. "The clear purpose and actual effect of S. B. 8 has been to nullify this Court's rulings," Roberts wrote, in a partial dissent.

In their Senate hearings, Trump's three high-court picks carefully skirted questions about how they would vote in any cases, including about abortion.

But even as Democrats and abortion rights supporters predicted Kavanaugh and Gorsuch would vote to upend abortion rights if confirmed, the two left at least one Republican senator with a different impression. Sen. Susan Collins of Maine predicted Gorsuch and Kavanaugh wouldn't support overturning the abortion cases, based on private conversations she had with them when they were nominees to the Supreme Court.

**Associated Press:** [Biden vows abortion fight, assails 'extreme' court ruling](#), by Chris Megerian, Fatima Hussein, and Zeke Miller

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Joe Biden said Friday he would try to preserve access to abortion after the Supreme Court overturned *Roe v. Wade*, and he called on Americans to elect more Democrats who would safeguard rights upended by the court’s decision. “This is not over,” he declared.

“Let’s be very clear, the health and life of women across this nation are now at risk,” he said from the White House on what he called “a sad day for the court and the country.”

Biden added that “the court has done what it’s never done before — expressly taking away a constitutional right that is so fundamental to so many Americans.”

Republicans and conservative leaders celebrated the culmination of a decades-long campaign to undo the nationwide legalization of abortion that began with *Roe v. Wade* in 1973.

“Millions of Americans have spent half a century praying, marching, and working toward today’s historic victories for the rule of law and for innocent life,” said Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., an architect of efforts to tilt the Supreme Court to the right.

Although Biden has previously expressed conflicted feelings about abortion, he delivered a forceful defense on Friday. Noting that Republican-controlled states now had a clear path to ban abortion even in cases of incest or rape, he said “it just stuns me.”

And he warned that other legal precedents ensuring same sex marriage and access to birth control could also be at risk.

“This is an extreme and dangerous path this court is taking us on,” he said.

The overturning of *Roe v. Wade* was not unexpected — a draft of the decision leaked nearly two months ago — but it still reverberated throughout Washington in what has suddenly become a new era in the country’s battle over abortion.

The White House and the Justice Department said they would look for ways to blunt the impact of the ruling, and Biden said his administration would try to ensure that abortion medication is available as widely as possible and women aren’t prevented from traveling across state lines to end pregnancies.

However, no executive actions were announced on Friday, and Biden conceded that his options were limited.

Protesters convened on the Supreme Court, where a crowd of abortion-rights supporters quickly swelled to the hundreds. One chanted into a bullhorn, “legal abortion on demand” and “this decision must not stand.” Some shouted “the Supreme Court is illegitimate.”

“It’s a painful day for those of us who support women’s rights,” said Laura Free, an Ithaca, New York, resident and women’s rights historian who came to Washington to do research. When she learned of the decision, she said, “I had to come here.”

A competing faction demonstrated in favor of the ruling, holding signs saying “the future is anti-abortion” and “dismember *Roe*.”

Garrett Bess, with Heritage Action for America, a lobbying arm of the conservative Heritage Foundation, said his organization would be working in states to continue efforts to limit abortion.

“This has been a long time coming,” he said.

Biden and other Democrats hope to use outrage over the court decision to rally voters in November’s midterm elections. Although nationwide legislation ensuring access to abortion appears out of reach, more Democratic victories at the state level could limit Republican efforts to ban the practice.

“Congress must act, and with your vote, you can act,” Biden said. “You can have the final word.”

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., said the court’s ruling “is outrageous and heart-wrenching” and fulfills the Republican Party’s “dark and extreme goal of ripping away women’s right to make their own reproductive health decisions.”

Many Republican-controlled states are poised to severely restrict abortion, or even ban it outright.

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“States may not ban mifepristone based on disagreement with the FDA’s expert judgment about its safety and efficacy,” Garland said.

Lawrence Gostin, who runs the O’Neill Institute for National and Global Health at Georgetown Law, said before Friday’s ruling that he expected the Biden administration to be “to be nibbling around the edges, and is not going to do anything really profound.”

Gostin said he’s discussed a variety of options with administration officials but believes they are “gun shy” given the potential for legal challenges that could lead to more roadblocks from a Supreme Court dominated by conservatives.

Some of Gostin’s suggestions included having Medicaid cover the cost of traveling across state lines to end pregnancies, as well as expanding access to abortion medication that can be delivered by mail.

The Rev. John Dorhauer, the general minister and president of the United Church of Christ, drove from Cleveland to Washington to attend one meeting earlier this month. Another virtual meeting was held this week, featuring Vice President Kamala Harris.

“It was rather impressive to see the commitment the White House and the vice president’s office has had to gather advocates from around the country,” Dorhauer said.

However, there are also concerns that the administration was not ready.

Dr. Colleen McNicholas, chief medical officer of Planned Parenthood of the St. Louis Region and Southwest Missouri, attended a recent virtual meeting with abortion providers and said she expects “a true health crisis.”

“I think that we should have been preparing for far longer than we have been,” McNicholas said. “Do I think that they recognize that this a problem? Yes. Do I think that they’re prepared in this moment? No.”

**Reuters:** [U.S. attorney general vows to protect existing reproductive rights](#)

WASHINGTON, June 24 (Reuters) - The Justice Department will use every tool at its disposal to protect reproductive freedom, and federal agencies may continue to provide reproductive health services to the extent authorized by federal law, Attorney General Merrick Garland said after Friday's U.S. Supreme Court ruling on abortion.

"This decision deals a devastating blow to reproductive freedom in the United States. It will have an immediate and irreversible impact on the lives of people across the country," Garland said in a statement. "And it will be greatly disproportionate in its effect – with the greatest burdens felt by people of color and those of limited financial means."

**Reuters:** [U.S. Supreme Court overturns Roe v. Wade abortion landmark](#), by Lawrence Hurley and Andrew Chung

WASHINGTON, June 24 (Reuters) - The U.S. Supreme Court on Friday took the dramatic step of overturning the landmark 1973 Roe v. Wade ruling that recognized a woman's constitutional right to an abortion and legalized it nationwide, handing a momentous victory to Republicans and religious conservatives who want to limit or ban the procedure.

The court, in a 6-3 ruling powered by its conservative majority, upheld a Republican-backed Mississippi law that bans abortion after 15 weeks of pregnancy. The vote was 5-4 to overturn Roe, with Chief Justice John Roberts writing separately to say he would have upheld the Mississippi law but not taken the additional step of erasing the Roe precedent altogether.

The justices, in the ruling written by conservative Justice Samuel Alito, held that the Roe decision that allowed abortions performed before a fetus would be viable outside the womb - between 24 and 28 weeks of pregnancy - was wrongly decided because the U.S. Constitution makes no specific mention of abortion rights.

By erasing abortion as a constitutional right, the ruling restored the ability of states to ban it, fundamentally altering America's landscape on the issue of reproductive rights. Twenty-six states are either certain or considered likely to ban abortion. Mississippi is among 13 states with so-called trigger laws to ban abortion with Roe overturned.

President Joe Biden condemned the ruling, calling it a "sad day" for America and labeling the court's conservatives "extreme." He said the fight over abortion rights "is not over." Biden said his administration will protect access to contraceptives and will do everything in his power to combat efforts to restrict women from traveling to other states to obtain abortions.

A draft version of Alito's ruling indicating the court was ready to overturn Roe was leaked in May, igniting a political firestorm. Friday's ruling largely tracked this leaked draft.

"The Constitution makes no reference to abortion, and no such right is implicitly protected by any constitutional provision," Alito wrote in the ruling.

Roe v. Wade recognized that the right to personal privacy under the Constitution protects a woman's ability to terminate her pregnancy. The Supreme Court in a 1992 ruling called Planned Parenthood of Southeastern Pennsylvania v. Casey reaffirmed abortion rights and prohibited laws imposing an "undue burden" on abortion access. Friday's ruling overturned the Casey decision as well.

"Roe was egregiously wrong from the start. Its reasoning was exceptionally weak, and the decision has had damaging consequences. And far from bringing about a national settlement of the abortion issue, Roe and Casey have enflamed debate and deepened division," Alito added.

Overturning Roe was long a goal of Christian conservatives and many Republican officeholders. Opinion polls show a majority of Americans support abortion rights.

The court's three liberal justices - Stephen Breyer, Sonia Sotomayor and Elena Kagan - issued a jointly authored dissent.

"Whatever the exact scope of the coming laws, one result of today's decision is certain: the curtailment of women's rights, and of their status as free and equal citizens," they wrote.

As a result of Friday's ruling, "from the very moment of fertilization, a woman has no rights to speak of. A state can force her to bring a pregnancy to term, even at the steepest personal and familial costs," the liberal justices added.

The ruling empowered states to ban abortion just a day after the court's conservative majority issued another decision curtailing the ability of states to enact gun restrictions. [read more](#)

Anti-abortion activists, who had gathered outside the courthouse for days, erupted in cheers after the ruling.

"I'm ecstatic," said Emma Craig, 36, of Pro Life San Francisco. "Abortion is the biggest tragedy of our generation and in 50 years we'll look back at the 50 years we've been under Roe v. Wade with shame."

House of Representatives Speaker Democrat Nancy Pelosi, a Democrat, denounced the decision, saying that a "Republican-controlled Supreme Court" has achieved that party's "dark and extreme goal of ripping away women's right to make their own reproductive health decisions."

U.S. Attorney General Merrick Garland said the Justice Department will fight to protect abortion rights and signaled legal battles to come including over pills used for medication abortion.

Justice Clarence Thomas, in a concurring opinion, urged the court to reconsider past rulings protecting the right to contraception, legalizing gay marriage nationwide and invalidating state laws banning gay sex.

Justice Brett Kavanaugh, in a concurring opinion, appeared to nix the idea advocated by a number of anti-abortion advocates that the next step is for the court to declare that the Constitution outlaws abortion nationwide. "The Constitution neither outlaws abortion nor legalizes abortion," he wrote.

Kavanaugh also said that the ruling does not let states bar residents from traveling to another state to obtain an abortion, or retroactively punish people for prior abortions.

Mississippi's law had been blocked by lower courts as a violation of Supreme Court precedent on abortion rights. Abortion is likely to remain legal in liberal states. More than a dozen states have laws protecting abortion rights. Numerous Republican-led states have passed various abortion restrictions in defiance of the Roe precedent in recent years.

Before the Roe decision, many states banned abortion, leaving women who wanted to terminate a pregnancy with few options. As a result of Friday's ruling, women with unwanted pregnancies in large swathes of America may face the choice of traveling to another state where the procedure remains legal and available, buying abortion pills online or having a potentially dangerous illegal abortion.

## **TRUMP'S APPOINTEES**

Republican former President Donald Trump as a candidate in 2016 promised to appoint justices to the Supreme Court who would reverse Roe. He appointed three conservative justices - a third of the total - during four years in office, moving the court rightward and building a 6-3 conservative majority. Trump's appointees - Justices Neil Gorsuch, Brett Kavanaugh and Amy Coney Barrett - were in the majority in Friday's ruling. [read more](#)

Asked in a Fox News interview whether he deserved some credit for the ruling, Trump said: "God made the decision."

Jackson Women's Health Organization, the only abortion clinic remaining in Mississippi, challenged the 2018 law and had the support of Biden's administration. Mississippi's law allows abortions when there is a "medical emergency" or a "severe fetal abnormality" but does not have an exception for pregnancies resulting from rape or incest.

A federal judge in 2018 struck the law down, citing the Roe precedent. The New Orleans-based 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in 2019 reached the same conclusion.

The justices in 2016 struck down a Texas law imposing strict regulations on abortion facilities and doctors. The justices [in 2020](#) struck down a Louisiana law that similarly placed restrictions on doctors who perform abortions. But the court has become more conservative in recent years with the addition of three appointees made by former President Donald Trump.

Since 2018, the court lost two champions of abortion rights. Liberal Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg died in 2020, being replaced by Barrett, who as an academic before joining the judiciary signaled support for overturning Roe.

Justice Anthony Kennedy, a conservative who sometimes sided with the liberal justices on social issues such as abortion and LGBT rights, retired in 2018 and was replaced by Kavanaugh. Kennedy was part of the majority in the 1992 decision and voted to strike down the Texas abortion restriction in 2016.

Gorsuch in 2017 replaced the late conservative Justice Antonin Scalia, who was an abortion opponent.

The number of U.S. abortions increased by 8% during the three years ending in 2020, reversing a 30-year trend of declining numbers, [according to data](#) released on June 15 by the Guttmacher Institute, a research group that supports abortion rights. [read more](#)

The U.S. abortion rate peaked in 1980, seven years after the Roe ruling, at 29.3 abortions per 1,000 women of child-bearing age - 15-44 - and stood at 13.5 per 1,000 in 2017 before increasing to 14.4 per 1,000 women by 2020. In 2020, there were 930,160 U.S. abortions, with 20.6% of pregnancies ending in abortion in 2020, up from 18.4% in 2017. Mississippi experienced a 40% increase in abortions performed from 2017 to 2020.

Globally, abortion rights generally have been increasing. The U.N. World Health Organization said around [73 million abortions](#) take place globally each year, including 29% of all pregnancies.

**New York Times:** [Garland Says Justice Department Will Protect the Access to an Abortion](#), by Katie Benner

Attorney General Merrick B. Garland called the Supreme Court decision to strike down the right to an abortion “a devastating blow to reproductive freedom,” and he vowed to use the Justice Department’s authority to protect the right to the procedure.

In a detailed statement, Mr. Garland said that the decision undermines stare decisis, a longstanding doctrine that the court should respect precedents. That principle has helped to uphold the rule of law by keeping the court’s work consistent and preserving the public’s faith that it act as a neutral arbiter.

Mr. Garland called on Congress to pass a federal law that protects the right to an abortion, which he said has “safeguarded women’s ability to participate fully and equally in society.” His plea comes as Republicans, energized by the Supreme Court’s decision, are encouraging state legislatures to ban abortions in every state in the country.

“The Justice Department strongly disagrees with the court’s decision,” Mr. Garland said in a statement. “This decision deals a devastating blow to reproductive freedom in the United States. It will have an immediate and irreversible impact on the lives of people across the country. And it will be greatly disproportionate in its effect — with the greatest burdens felt by people of color and those of limited financial means.”

Mr. Garland has put civil rights at the center of his tenure as attorney general, and he told The New York Times in an interview in March that a woman’s right to control whether and when to have a family is a central civil rights issue.

“It is a right that women have relied on, and are continuing to rely on,” Mr. Garland said. “If precedent means anything, it means that we continue to honor rights that a series of Supreme Courts, even with different members, have continued to uphold.”

Mr. Garland personally worked on the Justice Department’s response to the Texas abortion law that all but bans the procedure, including a lawsuit that the department filed to stop the state from enforcing the statute and its Supreme Court brief on the matter. (The court recently allowed the law to stay in effect until lower courts decide its fate.)

Ever since the draft opinion was leaked this spring, the Justice Department has been examining how it can protect the right to an abortion if *Roe v. Wade* were to be struck down.

In his response to the decision, Mr. Garland said that in states that still allow abortions, the Justice Department would continue to protect health care providers and individuals seeking reproductive health services.

He said that the department would allow federal agencies in some circumstances to continue to provide reproductive health services.

“The Justice Department is prepared to assist agencies in resolving any questions about the scope of their authority to provide reproductive care,” he said.

And he said that the department will work with other federal agencies to protect and preserve access to reproductive care, noting that the Food and Drug Administration has approved the use of the medication Mifepristone for medical abortions. “States may not ban Mifepristone based on disagreement with the F.D.A.’s expert judgment about its safety and efficacy,” he said.

**New York Times:** [Live Updates: Supreme Court Overturns \*Roe v. Wade\* in Landmark Decision; States Move to Ban Abortion](#), by Katie Benner

Attorney General Merrick B. Garland said in a statement that the Supreme Court has dealt “a devastating blow to reproductive freedom in the United States,” by issuing a decision that both infringes on the rights of women and upends the longstanding principle that courts are to respect precedents.

Mr. Garland said that in states that still allow abortions, the Justice Department would continue to protect healthcare providers and individuals seeking reproductive health services from harassment at clinics. He said that the department would allow federal agencies in some circumstances to continue to provide reproductive health services. And he vowed to work with other federal agencies to protect and preserve access to reproductive care, noting that the FDA has approved the use of the medication Mifepristone for medical abortions.

**Wall Street Journal:** [Attorney General Lays Out Justice Department’s Red Lines After Ruling](#), by Aruna Viswanatha

Attorney General Merrick Garland said the Justice Department strongly disagreed with the Dobbs decision and outlined several red lines the agency believed states couldn’t cross in banning abortion.

In a statement Friday morning, Mr. Garland said states couldn’t restrict a woman’s ability to travel to another state to obtain an abortion, nor ban federally approved medication that terminates a pregnancy.

In particular, Mr. Garland said states couldn’t ban the use of mifepristone based on any disagreements they may have with the Food and Drug Administration’s expert judgment about the drug.

He also said that federal agencies could continue to provide “reproductive health services” authorized by federal law, and federal employees couldn’t be held liable for doing so.

“This decision deals a devastating blow to reproductive freedom in the United States. It will have an immediate and irreversible impact on the lives of people across the country,” Mr. Garland said, adding: “The Justice Department will use every tool at our disposal to protect reproductive freedom.”

**Washington Post:** [U.S. law protects RU486, crossing state lines for abortion, Garland says](#), by Devlin Barrett

Attorney General Merrick Garland signaled Thursday that in response to the [Supreme Court’s historic decision](#) allowing states to limit or ban abortions, the Justice Department is preparing for legal battles on a host of related issues — from women traveling to states where the procedures are legal, to accessing pills that can induce abortions.

There is little the Justice Department can do to alter the impact of the Supreme Court’s decision, which is now the law of the land and is expected to significantly restrict abortion access in [13 states](#) in the short term. As conservative-leaning state legislatures respond to the ruling, similar restrictions are likely to spread to another dozen or so states.

“This decision deals a devastating blow to reproductive freedom in the United States,” Garland said [in a statement](#).

But Garland, a former federal appeals court judge, also laid down important markers for how the Biden Justice Department will handle any legal aftershocks of the decision, such as if states try to pass laws preventing women from traveling to other states to get abortions.

Garland said “bedrock constitutional principles” protect women’s rights to seek reproductive care in states where abortions remain legal. New York’s Democratic governor, Kathy Hochul, immediately declared her state a “safe harbor” for those seeking abortions.

Garland also signaled that abortion counseling services must be allowed even in states where abortion is banned, calling it a “fundamental” principle of the First Amendment that “individuals must remain free to inform and counsel each other about the reproductive care that is available in other states.”

The stern and lengthy statement from the nation’s top law enforcement official shows that the Justice Department, like many advocates on either side of the abortion debate, expect Thursday’s decision will lead to a flurry of new state laws — and therefore court fights — about abortion-related issues.

The department, Garland pledged, “will work tirelessly to protect and advance reproductive freedom.” He also noted that the Biden administration wants Congress to pass legislation to reestablish nationwide abortion rights.

Garland said the department is ready to work with the FDA to ensure American women have access to Mifepristone, often referred to as the abortion pill.

Many Republican legislatures have tried banning the pills from being prescribed or shipped by mail, but some women have been able to circumvent those restrictions. States, Garland said, “may not ban Mifepristone based on disagreement with the FDA’s expert judgment about its safety and efficacy.”

The attorney general said federal agencies “may continue to provide reproductive health services to the extent authorized by federal law,” — an indication that there may be a fresh spate of legal battles over what kind of reproductive health care may be provided by doctors working for the federal government.

“Few rights are more central to individual freedom than the right to control one’s own body,” Garland said.

**Los Angeles Times:** [Biden decries Supreme Court abortion decision as a 'tragic error'](#), by Courtney Subramanian and Freddy Brewster

WASHINGTON — President Biden on Friday blasted the Supreme Court ruling that overturned the right to abortion as a “tragic error” and called on voters to elect lawmakers who support the right.

“Make no mistake, this decision is a culmination of a deliberate effort over decades to upset the balance of our law,” he said in remarks at the White House. “It’s a realization of an extreme ideology and a tragic error of the Supreme Court.”

The high court voted along ideological lines 6-3 to uphold Mississippi’s abortion ban after 15 weeks of pregnancy. But Chief Justice John G. Roberts Jr. did not join the conservative majority to overturn Roe in a 5-4 vote, saying such action went too far.

The opinion, written by Justice Samuel A. Alito, largely mirrored a draft memo that was leaked and published by Politico in May.

The White House has been preparing for the ruling since the draft was published, weighing potential executive actions the president could take to protect reproductive rights as conservative-led states move to restrict or ban abortion access.

Democrats have called on Biden to issue orders that could remove restrictions to abortion-related medications or challenge state laws that criminalize out-of-state travel to seek the termination of a pregnancy. Administration officials, however, have warned that any such action would be fairly limited.

Biden said “no executive action from the president” could restore Roe’s protections. While Congress appears to lack the votes to enshrine such protections in federal law, Biden urged those who support abortion access to vote for candidates who share those views in the November midterm elections.

“This fall, Roe is on the ballot. Personal freedom is on the ballot,” Biden said.

Biden emphasized the ruling would “not be the final word.”

“You can act,” he added, urging Americans to vote. “You can have the final word. This is not over.”

Biden pointed out that former President Trump’s victory in 2016 set the stage for Friday’s ruling. Trump ultimately won confirmation for three justices — Neil Gorsuch, Brett Kavanaugh and Amy Coney Barrett — who all voted to overturn Roe. Those justices played a key role in upending “the scales of justice and [eliminating] a fundamental right for women in this country,” Biden said.

The president excoriated the decision as “extreme” and said it underscored “how far removed they are from the majority of other countries” and how most Americans feel about abortion.

Just over 60% of Americans say abortion should be legal in all or most circumstances compared to 37% who say it should be illegal in all or most circumstances, according to the most recent survey by the Pew Research Center.

Since the leak of the draft opinion, the president has said the Supreme Court's ruling could ultimately threaten other rights, including access to birth control and of same-sex couples to marry.

Trump, meanwhile, hailed the decision as "the biggest WIN for LIFE in a generation" and said the ruling and other recent court decisions "were only made possible because I delivered everything as promised."

Democrats are hoping the Supreme Court's decision can galvanize their voters and boost the party's political prospects ahead of the November midterms. Democrats are battling midterm-election history, gas prices and inflation, and a president with a low approval rating. Political analysts say Republicans are likely to take control of at least one chamber of Congress.

The places where the decision will be most acutely felt, however, are red states, where Republicans are in power and face little risk of being unseated by Democrats who support abortion rights.

The ruling means some state laws banning abortion will take immediate effect — in Kentucky, Louisiana and South Dakota, among others — and is certain to pave the way for other red states to enact similar bans. That will likely lead women living in states with bans or severe restrictions to seek abortions in states where such procedures are permitted.

The president echoed Atty. Gen. Merrick Garland, who earlier on Friday issued a statement vowing to protect women who must travel to get an abortion.

"If any state or local official, high or low, tries to interfere with a woman exercising her basic right to travel, I will do everything in my power to fight that deeply un-American attack," Biden said.

The president added that administration would safeguard medications approved by the Food and Drug Administration, including mifepristone, a drug used to end pregnancies and treat miscarriages. Though some states have moved to ban or severely restrict access to the drug, Biden's attorney general said in a statement the FDA regulation means "states may not ban mifepristone based on disagreement with the FDA's expert judgment about its safety and efficacy."

Vice President Kamala Harris, who has become one of the White House's most prominent voices in the battle over reproductive rights, has met with state attorneys general, faith leaders, advocates and other stakeholders about steps the administration can take in the months ahead.

In a speech in Illinois, where Harris was due to talk about maternal health, the vice president called the high court's decision a "healthcare crisis."

"Millions of women in America will go to bed tonight without access to the healthcare and reproductive care that they had this morning," she said. "This is the first time in the history of our nation that a constitutional right has been taken from the people of America."

**NBC:** [Attorney General Merrick Garland vows to 'use every tool' to protect abortion rights](#), by Ryan Reilly

Attorney General Merrick Garland, who as Barack Obama's 2016 Supreme Court nominee was denied a confirmation vote by then-Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, vowed to put the full weight of the Department of Justice behind protecting abortion rights.

"The Justice Department strongly disagrees with the Court's decision," he said. "This decision deals a devastating blow to reproductive freedom in the United States. It will have an immediate and irreversible impact on the lives of people across the country. And it will be greatly disproportionate in its effect — with the greatest burdens felt by people of color and those of limited financial means."

"The Justice Department will use every tool at our disposal to protect reproductive freedom. And we will not waver from this Department's founding responsibility to protect the civil rights of all Americans," he added.

**NBC:** [AG Merrick Garland says states cannot ban access to medications for abortions](#), by Joy Wang

Attorney General Merrick Garland vowed to protect access to Mifepristone, which is used along with another medication to end early pregnancies.

"In particular, the FDA has approved the use of the medication Mifepristone. States may not ban Mifepristone based on disagreement with the FDA's expert judgment about its safety and efficacy," he wrote in a statement.

The Food and Drug Administration approved in 2016 the use of the medications in terminating abortions.

The "Department will continue to protect healthcare providers and individuals seeking reproductive health services in states where those services remain legal," his statement added. "This law prohibits anyone from obstructing access to reproductive health services through violence, threats of violence, or property damage."

**CBS:** [Attorney General Merrick Garland pledges Justice Department will use "every tool at our disposal to protect reproductive freedom"](#), by Melissa Quinn

Attorney General Merrick Garland denounced the decision from the Supreme Court, saying in a statement that by ending the constitutional right to an abortion, the majority "upended the doctrine of stare decisis," or fidelity to precedent.

"The Justice Department strongly disagrees with the court's decision," he said. "This decision deals a devastating blow to reproductive freedom in the United States. It will have an immediate and irreversible impact on the lives of people across the country. And it will be greatly disproportionate in its effect – with the greatest burdens felt by people of color and those of limited financial means."

Still, Garland said states retain the ability to legalize abortion within their boundaries, and the Constitution can still limit states' power to ban reproductive services that are provided outside their borders.

"We recognize that traveling to obtain reproductive care may not be feasible in many circumstances. But under bedrock constitutional principles, women who reside in states that have banned access to comprehensive reproductive care must remain free to seek that care in states where it is legal," he said. "Moreover, under fundamental First Amendment principles, individuals must remain free to inform and counsel each other about the reproductive care that is available in other states."

Garland made clear that peacefully protesting is protected under the First Amendment, but the Justice Department "will not tolerate" violence and threats of violence. He also reiterated that the department supports efforts in Congress to enshrine the right to an abortion into federal law and other legislative efforts to ensure access to reproductive services.

He also noted that the medication Mifepristone may be used to terminate a pregnancy after 10 weeks gestation and has been approved by the Food and Drug Administration, and it may not be banned by states "based on disagreement with the FDA's expert judgment about its safety and efficacy."

"Few rights are more central to individual freedom than the right to control one's own body," he said. "The Justice Department will use every tool at our disposal to protect reproductive freedom. And we will not waver from this Department's founding responsibility to protect the civil rights of all Americans."

**CNN:** [US Attorney General Garland says DOJ "strongly disagrees" with SCOTUS decision](#), by Adrienne Vogt, Aditi Sangal, Elise Hammond, Meg Wagner and Veronica Rocha

Attorney General Merrick Garland said the Justice Department disagrees with the Supreme Court's decision to overturn *Roe v. Wade*.

"The Supreme Court has eliminated an established right that has been an essential component of women's liberty for half a century – a right that has safeguarded women's ability to participate fully and equally in society. And in renouncing this fundamental right, which it had repeatedly recognized and reaffirmed, the Court has upended the doctrine of *stare decisis*, a key pillar of the rule of law," according to the statement from Garland.

"The Justice Department strongly disagrees with the Court's decision. This decision deals a devastating blow to reproductive freedom in the United States. It will have an immediate and irreversible impact on the lives of people across the country. And it will be greatly disproportionate in its effect – with the greatest burdens felt by people of color and those of limited financial means," he said.

Garland reiterated that the decision today does not ban states to keep abortion legal within their borders.

"We recognize that traveling to obtain reproductive care may not be feasible in many circumstances. But under bedrock constitutional principles, women who reside in states that have banned access to comprehensive reproductive care must remain free to seek that care in states where it is legal. Moreover, under fundamental First Amendment principles, individuals must remain free to inform and counsel each other about the reproductive care that is available in other states," he said.

"Advocates with different views on this issue have the right to, and will, voice their opinions. Peacefully expressing a view is protected by the First Amendment. But we must be clear that violence and threats of violence are not. The Justice Department will not tolerate such acts," he continued.

The DOJ "will work tirelessly to protect and advance reproductive freedom" and "strongly supports efforts by Congress to codify Americans' reproductive rights," according to his statement.

**CNBC:** [Roe v Wade: U.S. Attorney General Garland says DOJ 'strongly disagrees' with Supreme Court ruling](#), by Lauren Feiner

U.S. Attorney General Merrick Garland tried to ward off violent protests to the Supreme Court's ruling Friday overturning its landmark abortion decision *Roe v Wade*, asking protestors to remain peaceful.

"Advocates with different views on this issue have the right to, and will, voice their opinions," Garland said in a statement. "Peacefully expressing a view is protected by the First Amendment. But we must be clear that violence and threats of violence are not. The Justice Department will not tolerate such acts."

He said the agency “strongly disagrees” with the court’s ruling and will “work tirelessly to protect and advance reproductive freedom.”

“The Supreme Court has eliminated an established right that has been an essential component of women’s liberty for half a century – a right that has safeguarded women’s ability to participate fully and equally in society,” Garland said. “And in renouncing this fundamental right, which it had repeatedly recognized and reaffirmed, the Court has upended the doctrine of *stare decisis*, a key pillar of the rule of law.”

Garland said Justice “strongly disagrees with the Court’s decision” which “deals a devastating blow to reproductive freedom in the United States.”

He noted that it’s impact would disproportionately impact people of color and those with the least financial means.

The Justice Department will continue to protect the right to an abortion in states where access was still legal, he said. While travelling for healthcare may not always be possible, “women who reside in states that have banned access to comprehensive reproductive care must remain free to seek that care in states where it is legal,” he said.

He added that people should remain “free to inform and counsel each other about the reproductive care that is available in other states” under First Amendment principles.

The DOJ will work with other agencies like the Food and Drug Administration “that seek to use their lawful authorities to protect and preserve access to reproductive care.” Garland noted the FDA has approved the use of Mifepristone, an drug used to induce abortion safely at home, and said states cannot ban the drug “based on disagreement with the FDA’s expert judgment about its safety and efficacy.”

“The Justice Department will use every tool at our disposal to protect reproductive freedom,” Garland said. “And we will not waver from this Department’s founding responsibility to protect the civil rights of all Americans.”

**USA Today:** [Misoprostol and mifepristone medicine: What is the abortion pill?](#), by Marina Pitofsky

The Supreme Court has overturned its landmark decision in Roe v. Wade, which provided a national constitutional right to an abortion.

The ruling, decided in a 6-3 vote on the court, rocked the United States from coast to coast. It allows states to protect abortion rights for people or implement bans and restrictions. The decision also drew attention to how abortion procedures have changed since the court’s 1973 decision in Roe v. Wade.

Though there are multiple kinds of abortion procedures, online interest in mifepristone spiked after the court’s Friday decision.

But what is mifepristone? How does it work to end a pregnancy? Here’s what you need to know.

What does mifepristone do to a pregnancy?

Mifepristone is used with another medication called misoprostol to end a pregnancy that is less than 70 days developed. The pills are taken about two days apart.

Mifepristone stops the “supply of hormones that maintains the interior of the uterus. Without these hormones, the uterus cannot support the pregnancy and the contents of the uterus are expelled,” according to the Mayo Clinic.

Sometimes called a “medicinal abortion” or “pill abortion,” the approach was first authorized by the Food and Drug Administration in 2000.

How do I get mifepristone and misoprostol?

The medicine must be prescribed by a doctor. It is not available over-the-counter in pharmacies or other stores, though in some places only a telemedicine visit is required to get mifepristone and misoprostol.

Though the requirements for obtaining the medications have changed frequently in recent years, in December 2021, FDA officials allowed “abortion pills” to be available by mail and prescribed via telehealth medical appointments.

Is it legal in my state?

In the wake of the Supreme Court’s Friday decision, you can see what abortion laws look like in your state here.

Attorney General Merrick Garland on Friday noted that “the FDA has approved the use of the medication Mifepristone.”

“States may not ban Mifepristone based on disagreement with the FDA’s expert judgment about its safety and efficacy,” he said.

How long does it take to work?

The process starts when a person takes the first pill, mifepristone. Between 24 and 48 hours after, the person takes misoprostol, which typically comes in four tablets.

A patient may either put two in each cheek and let them dissolve, or the pills can be inserted into the vagina. Within a few hours, the misoprostol will cause a person’s cervix to dilate and their uterus to contract, emptying the embryo from the person’s uterus.

Symptoms can include cramping, bleeding, chills, nausea and vomiting. The most significant pain and bleeding will last no longer than one to two hours, and the process is completed within 24 hours, though some bleeding is normal for about two weeks.

Is the abortion pill dangerous?

No, health officials say. When used within the first 10 weeks, mifepristone and misoprostol safely terminated 99.6% of pregnancies with low rates of complications. Abortion by pill is used in approximately 54% of terminated pregnancies in the U.S., according to data from the Guttmacher Institute.

**Bloomberg Law:** [Garland Says DOJ Will Protect Right to Get Abortion Out-of-State](#), by Chris Strohm

Attorney General Merrick Garland said the Supreme Court dealt “a devastating blow to reproductive freedom” by overturning *Roe v. Wade* but said the Justice Department will protect the right to seek abortions across state lines.

“We recognize that traveling to obtain reproductive care may not be feasible in many circumstances,” Garland said in a statement. “But under bedrock constitutional principles, women who reside in states that have banned access to comprehensive reproductive care must remain free to seek that care in states where it is legal.”

The attorney general said the Justice Department will protect both individuals seeking abortions out-of-state and those who provide them. He also said people had a First Amendment right to inform and counsel each other about reproductive care across state lines.

A number of states have suggested their laws banning abortions will also target out-of-state providers, including those who ship abortion pills like Mifepristone. Garland noted that the Food and Drug Administration has approved Mifepristone, and said states could not ban it based on disagreement with the FDA’s judgment.

“The Constitution continues to restrict states’ authority to ban reproductive services provided outside their borders,” Garland said.

Though he said the “Justice Department strongly disagrees with the Court’s decision” and urged Congress to codify abortion rights, the attorney general also said any protests should remain peaceful.

“Peacefully expressing a view is protected by the First Amendment,” Garland said. “But we must be clear that violence and threats of violence are not. The Justice Department will not tolerate such acts.”

**Politico:** [POLITICO Playbook PM: A fractured Supreme Court upends American politics](#), by Ryan Lizza and Eli Okun

One sentence overturning a nearly 50-year-old constitutional protection: “Held: The Constitution does not confer a right to abortion; *Roe* and *Casey* are overruled; and the authority to regulate abortion is returned to the people and their elected representatives.”

THE FRACTURED COURT — *Roe v. Wade* was decided 7-2 in 1973. The Supreme Court’s decision to overturn it was decided 5-4, with the nine justices divided into four warring camps. The six conservatives were split into three distinct groups on what the decision means for other privacy rights, and the three liberals pointedly warned which faction they believed was ascendant:

1. SAMUEL ALITO, BRETT KAVANAUGH and AMY CONEY BARRETT took pains to make it clear that the *Dobbs* decision doesn’t affect other rights protected using the same constitutional logic of *Roe*.

Key excerpts from the majority opinion: “We hold that *Roe* and *Casey* must be overruled. The Constitution makes no reference to abortion, and no such right is implicitly protected by any constitutional provision, including the one on which the defenders of *Roe* and *Casey* now chiefly rely — the Due Process Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment. That provision has been held to guarantee some rights that are not mentioned in the Constitution, but any such right must be ‘deeply rooted in this Nation’s history and tradition’ and ‘implicit in the concept of ordered liberty.’ ... The right to abortion does not fall within this category. ...

“Roe was egregiously wrong from the start. Its reasoning was exceptionally weak, and the decision has had damaging consequences. And far from bringing about a national settlement of the abortion issue, Roe and Casey have enflamed debate and deepened division. It is time to heed the Constitution and return the issue of abortion to the people’s elected representatives.” Read the full opinion

2. Meanwhile, CLARENCE THOMAS, who joined the majority, also wrote a concurring opinion calling explicitly for future SCOTUS decisions that attack so-called due process precedents, including, he said, protections for same-sex marriage, private sexual acts and contraception.

Key excerpt from Thomas’ concurrence: “Because the Due Process Clause does not secure any substantive rights, it does not secure a right to abortion. ...

“[W]e should reconsider all of this Court’s substantive due process precedents, including *Griswold* [the 1965 ruling affirming the right of married persons to obtain contraceptives], *Lawrence* [the 2003 ruling affirming the right for adults to engage in private, consensual sexual acts], and *Obergefell* [the 2015 ruling affirming the right to same-sex marriage]. Because any substantive due process decision is ‘demonstrably erroneous,’ ... we have a duty to ‘correct the error’ established in those precedents. ...

“Because the Court properly applies our substantive due process precedents to reject the fabrication of a constitutional right to abortion, and because this case does not present the opportunity to reject substantive due process entirely, I join the Court’s opinion.”

3. Chief Justice JOHN ROBERTS, who has modeled himself on JOHN MARSHALL, was unable to cobble together a consensus. His lonely concurrence, written more in sadness than in anger, set out the compromise path that was not taken: a proposal to strike down Roe’s viability standard, and thus uphold the Mississippi law, but keep Roe’s core constitutional right to an abortion.

Key excerpt from Roberts’ concurrence: “[T]here is a clear path to deciding this case correctly without overruling Roe all the way down to the studs: recognize that the viability line must be discarded, as the majority rightly does, and leave for another day whether to reject any right to an abortion at all. ...

“The Court’s decision to overrule Roe and Casey is a serious jolt to the legal system — regardless of how you view those cases. A narrower decision rejecting the misguided viability line would be markedly less unsettling, and nothing more is needed to decide this case. ...

“Both the Court’s opinion and the dissent display a relentless freedom from doubt on the legal issue that I cannot share. I am not sure, for example, that a ban on terminating a pregnancy from the moment of conception must be treated the same under the Constitution as a ban after fifteen weeks. ... I therefore concur only in the judgment.”

4. STEPHEN BREYER, SONIA SOTOMAYOR and ELENA KAGAN’s withering dissent — written more in anger than in sadness — mocked the majority’s legal reasoning, scoffed at their obsession with what was on the minds of dead white men in 1868, the year the 14th Amendment was ratified, and warned that, despite the “too-much-repeated protestations” of the majority, it was Thomas’ concurrence that was a harbinger of where the court is headed.

Key excerpt from their dissent: “Whatever the exact scope of the coming laws, one result of today’s decision is certain: the curtailment of women’s rights, and of their status as free and equal citizens. Yesterday, the Constitution guaranteed that a woman confronted with an unplanned pregnancy could (within reasonable limits) make her own decision about whether to bear a child, with all the life-transforming consequences that act involves. And in thus safeguarding each woman’s reproductive freedom, the Constitution also protected “[t]he ability of women to participate equally in [this Nation’s] economic and social life.” ...

“But no longer. As of today, this Court holds, a State can always force a woman to give birth, prohibiting even the earliest abortions. A State can thus transform what, when freely undertaken, is a wonder into what, when forced, may be a nightmare. ...

“[N]o one should be confident that this majority is done with its work. The right Roe and Casey recognized does not stand alone. To the contrary, the Court has linked it for decades to other settled freedoms involving bodily integrity, familial relationships, and procreation. Most obviously, the right to terminate a pregnancy arose straight out of the right to purchase and use contraception. ... In turn, those rights led, more recently, to rights of same-sex intimacy and marriage. ... They are all part of the same constitutional fabric, protecting autonomous decision making over the most personal of life decisions.

“The majority (or to be more accurate, most of it) is eager to tell us today that nothing it does ‘cast[s] doubt on precedents that do not concern abortion.’ ... Either the mass of the majority’s opinion is hypocrisy, or additional constitutional rights are under threat. It is one or the other. ... But we cannot understand how anyone can be confident that today’s opinion will be the last of its kind.”

Good Friday Afternoon.

WHAT IT MEANS IN THE STATES ...

— All or nearly all abortion has now effectively been outlawed in Missouri, per the St. Louis Post-Dispatch ... and Kentucky, per the Louisville Courier Journal, plus South Dakota and Louisiana. Other states’ bans will take effect in 30 days, like Idaho, per Boise State Public Radio.

— In Texas, almost all abortion will be outlawed in 30 days, per the Texas Tribune. Texas A.G. KEN PAXTON announced he would close agency offices early today as a “memorial” to “almost 70 million babies who have been killed in the womb.”

A chart shows the states in which abortion is illegal or soon-to-be illegal in the U.S. following the Supreme Court’s ruling on Roe v. Wade.

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## HOW WASHINGTON RESPONDED ...

— President JOE BIDEN: “The health and life of women in this nation are now at risk,” Biden warned in hastily scheduled remarks to the nation this afternoon. Biden directed federal agencies to take steps to help ensure access to medication abortion and travel across state lines to obtain abortions. He also urged Americans to vote in November — in an acknowledgment of Democrats’ relative powerlessness on the issue, Biden said only Congress could re-enshrine the right through legislation, and only if voters put more pro-abortion-rights leaders in office.

Biden castigated the court for its decision. “Today, the Supreme Court of the United States expressly took away a constitutional right from the American people that it had already recognized,” he said. “This decision is a culmination of a deliberate effort over decades to upset the balance of our law. It’s a realization of an extreme ideology and a tragic error by the Supreme Court.” More from Jonathan Lemire and Eugene Daniels

— DOJ: A.G. MERRICK GARLAND said in a statement that states may not ban medication abortion drugs. He said the Justice Department will “work tirelessly to protect and advance reproductive freedom.”

— DONALD TRUMP to Fox News’ Brooke Singman: “This is following the Constitution, and giving rights back when they should have been given long ago ... I think, in the end, this is something that will work out for everybody.” But, but, but: Behind the scenes, Trump has actually been telling Republicans privately that he worried the decision would be bad for the party in swing districts, per NYT’s Maggie Haberman.

— The House GOP: Chatter has already started about trying to pass a national 15-week abortion ban, per CNN’s Mel Zanona.

— Senate Judiciary Dems: Chair DICK DURBIN (D-Ill.) announced his committee will hold a hearing responding to the ruling next month.

— Speaker NANCY PELOSI at her press conference this morning: “Reproductive freedom is on the ballot in November.”

— Senate Majority Leader CHUCK SCHUMER: “Millions upon millions of American women are having their rights taken from them by five unelected Justices on the extremist MAGA court.”

— Senate Minority Leader MITCH MCCONNELL: “The Court has corrected a terrible legal and moral error, like when *Brown v. Board* overruled *Plessy v. Ferguson*.”

— Sen. JOE MANCHIN (D-W.Va.): “I trusted Justice Gorsuch and Justice Kavanaugh when they testified under oath that they also believed *Roe v. Wade* was settled legal precedent and I am alarmed they chose to reject the stability the ruling has provided for two generations of Americans.”

— Sen. SUSAN COLLINS (R-Maine): “This decision is inconsistent with what Justices Gorsuch and Kavanaugh said in their testimony and their meetings with me, where they both were insistent on the importance of supporting long-standing precedents that the country has relied upon.”

— House Majority Whip JIM CLYBURN (D-S.C.) told USA Today's Dylan Wells, in remarks that have ticked off the left: "It's a little anticlimactic, I think we all expected this. And I'm hopeful, you know I have to read the decision to see exactly the extent to which we can move legislatively to respond to it."

**Insider:** [US Attorney General: States Can't Ban Approved Abortion Pills](#), by Dominick Reuter and Julia Naftulin

US Attorney General Merrick Garland [said Friday](#) that states can't ban the abortion medication mifepristone "based on disagreement with the FDA."

The US Food and Drug Administration had already ruled on the pill's "safety and efficacy," and that decision could not be overturned by states seeking to limit access to abortion, he said.

[Garland's comments](#) came moments after the US Supreme Court handed down a decision [overturning 50 years of precedent](#) over Americans' right to abortion.

"Women who reside in states that have banned access to comprehensive reproductive care must remain free to seek that care in states where it is legal," Garland said. "Moreover, under fundamental First Amendment principles, individuals must remain free to inform and counsel each other about the reproductive care that is available in other states."

Since the FDA approved the abortion pill mifepristone in 2000, self-managed at-home abortions — which can be done in the first 11 weeks of pregnancy — have [become increasingly common](#) in the US. In 2020, medication abortion with pills accounted for [54% of all abortions](#) in the country, according to preliminary data collection from the Guttmacher Institute.

In December 2021, the FDA authorized [abortion pills to be permanently sent by mail](#). In April 2021, the Biden administration [lifted a federal ban on mail-order abortion pills](#). The goal was to ensure safe abortion care during the pandemic, when Americans were being urged not to travel and to avoid in-person treatments where possible.

Previously, the Supreme Court voted to ban [the abortion pill](#) from mail delivery, making it the only prescription medication to have such restrictions, until the April reversal.

How the abortion pill works

Self-managed abortions are typically done using two pills together: mifepristone and misoprostol.

First, someone takes mifepristone, which [blocks the production of progesterone](#), a hormone needed to sustain a pregnancy.

[Right after, or up to two days later](#), they then take [misoprostol](#), a drug that causes the uterus to contract and pushes the embryo or fetus out of their body, Yale University gynecologist Dr. Mary Jane Minkin [previously told Insider](#) .

"You will be experiencing, in a sense, a miscarriage," Minkin said.

Misoprostol normally causes cramping and bleeding one to four hours after a patient takes it, according to Planned Parenthood.

Sometimes a self-managed abortion is only done with mifepristone, but research has shown that using both drugs in tandem leads to better outcomes because it prevents the potential need for surgery to remove the fetus. After, a patient will have a follow-up appointment with a doctor to make sure the abortion is complete.

One major manufacturer of mifepristone pills, Danco Labs, said the company was "prepared for any surge" in orders following the Supreme Court decision.

"Our supply is stable and plentiful," a spokesperson said, according to ABC.

**Insider:** [AG Merrick Garland on Roe V. Wade Decision: 'a Devastating Blow'](#), by Ryan Barber

Attorney General Merrick Garland on Friday sharply condemned the Supreme Court's decision to overturn Roe v. Wade, saying the justices had dealt a "devastating blow to reproductive freedom in the United States" by eliminating the constitutional right to an abortion.

In a prepared statement, Garland stressed that the Justice Department disagreed with the decision and predicted that it "will have an immediate and irreversible impact on the lives of people across the country."

"And it will be greatly disproportionate in its effect – with the greatest burdens felt by people of color and those of limited financial means," he added.

Garland's comment came within hours of the Supreme Court overruling Roe v. Wade, eliminating the constitutional right to an abortion after almost a half-century. The decision, in Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization, is expected to lead to all but total bans on abortion in about half the states.

In the immediate aftermath of the ruling, Democrats including House Speaker Nancy Pelosi reupped their calls for passing legislation to codify abortion rights. Garland on Friday said the Justice Department supports those legislative efforts and emphasized that the Supreme Court's decision would not eliminate the right of states to keep abortion legal within their borders.

"We recognize that traveling to obtain reproductive care may not be feasible in many circumstances," Garland said. "But under bedrock constitutional principles, women who reside in states that have banned access to comprehensive reproductive care must remain free to seek that care in states where it is legal.

A former federal appellate judge, Garland also addressed how the Supreme Court had broken with its customary practice of heeding precedent in overturning Roe v. Wade. In "renouncing this fundamental right, which it had repeatedly recognized and reaffirmed, the court has upended the doctrine of *stare decisis*, a key pillar of the rule of law," he said.

Years before his confirmation to lead the Justice Department, Garland was nominated in 2016 to succeed the late Justice Antonin Scalia on the Supreme Court, but Republicans refused to hold

confirmation hearings or a vote. Garland then remained in the powerful US Court of Appeals for the DC Circuit.

His confirmation would have flipped a Supreme Court seat from a Republican- to a Democrat-appointed justice.

But the Republicans' blockade on his nomination and Donald Trump's election in 2016 led to the conservatives instead expanding their majority on the Supreme Court.

In their dissenting opinion, Justices Stephen Breyer, Sonia Sotomayor and Elena Kagan attributed the Dodds decision directly to the changed composition of the Supreme Court.

"The court reverses today for one reason and one reason only: because the composition of this court has changed," they wrote.

Referring to the doctrine of heeding past decisions, the justices continued: "Stare decisis, this court has often said, 'contributes to the actual and perceived integrity of the judicial process' by ensuring that decisions are 'founded in the law rather than in the proclivities of individuals.' Today, the proclivities of individuals rule."

"The Court departs from its obligation to faithfully and impartially apply the law," they added. "We dissent."

**Yahoo News:** [Supreme Court strikes down Roe v. Wade in seismic shift for abortion rights](#), by Tom LoBianco

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi said Friday that she would work to make abortion rights a top issue for voters in the midterm elections, shortly after the Supreme Court issued a ruling that overturned Roe v. Wade and ended federal abortion rights.

"Be aware of this: The Republicans are plotting a nationwide abortion ban. They cannot be allowed to have a majority in the Congress to do that," Pelosi said. "A woman's right to choose, reproductive freedom, is on the ballot in November."

Democrats had expected that federal abortion protections established in the 1973 Roe v. Wade decision would be overturned after a draft of the decision was leaked to Politico in May, and had already been pushing to make abortion an election-year issue as they fight to keep control of the House and Senate in this year's midterms.

But even with the ruling long expected from the majority-conservative Supreme Court, Pelosi still expressed anger at Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell in particular for his role in blocking then-President Barack Obama's nomination of Merrick Garland, who now leads the Justice Department, to the high court in 2016, and later speeding Amy Coney Barrett through to a confirmation after the death of Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg.

"The inconsistency, the hypocrisy — I don't respect that process," Pelosi said.

Democrats hold the slimmest of majorities in the House and the Senate and are widely expected to lose control of the House to Republicans in November.

Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer pushed a [proxy vote on abortion protections](#) at the start of May as a means of putting Democrats and Republicans on the record prior to the November elections.

But it remains unclear whether the issue will drive voters, who face a seemingly endless barrage of pressing issues including high gas prices, a baby formula shortage, inflation, continued mass shootings and more.

**Axios:** [AG Merrick Garland says states can't ban FDA-approved abortion pills](#), by Jacob Knutson

Attorney General Merrick Garland said in a statement Friday, in the wake of the Supreme Court's [decision to overturn Roe v. Wade](#), that states [cannot ban mifepristone](#), a medication that is used to bring about an abortion.

**Why it matters:** With Roe overturned, prescribed drugs that terminate pregnancies are likely to become the [next major contention](#) between abortion rights activists and opponents of abortion rights.

- Already, almost half of U.S. states have banned or tightly restricted abortion pills — two medicines named mifepristone and misoprostol — and more could soon follow suit, [Axios'](#) [Oriana Gonzalez Ashley Gold and Jacque Schrag report](#).

**How it works:** The pills for a medication abortion, mifepristone and misoprostol, have been approved by the Food and Drug Administration for use in the first 10 weeks of pregnancy.

- The agency in December lifted long-standing restrictions on mifepristone, allowing doctors to prescribe the medication online and send them to patients by mail.
- Misoprostol was available with a prescription before the FDA's decision.

**Despite the changes,** many states have moved to make it illegal for doctors to mail the medications.

- For example, Louisiana Gov. John Bel Edwards (D) [signed a law](#) in June making it illegal for anyone to mail abortion pills, punishable by up to five years in prison and a \$50,000 fine.

**What they're saying:** "The Department strongly supports efforts by Congress to codify Americans' reproductive rights, which it retains the authority to do. We also support other legislative efforts to ensure access to comprehensive reproductive services," Garland said in the statement Friday.

- "And we stand ready to work with other arms of the federal government that seek to use their lawful authorities to protect and preserve access to reproductive care," he added.
- "In particular, the FDA has approved the use of the medication Mifepristone. States may not ban Mifepristone based on disagreement with the FDA's expert judgment about its safety and efficacy."

**Yes, but:** It is far from settled law as to whether states can ban the pills, and the issue will likely have to be litigated in the courts, though there's really no clear precedent, according to the [Washington Post](#).

**Axios:** [Abortion pills become central issue after SCOTUS ruling](#), by Tina Reed

The Supreme Court ruling [overturning Roe v. Wade](#) immediately pivots the fight over abortion access to state efforts to restrict medication abortions or so-called "abortion pills."

**The big picture:** The pills used to terminate a pregnancy — mifepristone and misoprostol — are FDA-approved for use in the first 10 weeks of pregnancy and are frequently prescribed online and mailed to patients.

- State efforts to restrict their use will pose thorny questions about how to enforce bans and challenge the notion of patients' rights, experts say.
- "During the last 50 years or more in the abortion culture wars, there has been a line drawn that punishments should be meted out against providers and not against women themselves," Lawrence Gostin, a law professor at Georgetown University told Axios. "I think we're about to cross that line."

**State of play:** Medication abortion accounted for 54% of all U.S. abortions in 2020, up from 39% in 2017, according to the [Guttmacher Institute](#).

- The FDA in December [lifted long-standing restrictions](#), making the pills more widely available, via telemedicine appointments and online prescribing that enables delivery to someone's door.

**Between the lines:** Republican states looking to limit access to the pills could encounter practical challenges and legal problems doing so.

- Experts say legal precedent holds that states don't have the authority to ban FDA-approved drugs, as was the case when Massachusetts in 2014 tried to impose an emergency ban of an opioid. A [federal judge struck down the ban](#), saying a state couldn't take a drug off the market that the FDA had deemed safe.
- Attorney General Merrick Garland weighed in after the Supreme Court ruling on Friday, saying, "States may not ban mifepristone based on disagreement with the FDA's expert judgment about its safety and efficacy."
- But that won't stop states from trying.
- Lawmakers in at least 20 states have proposed restrictions or bans on the pills, per [Pew's Stateline](#).
- They range from bans on dispensing the drugs to requirements that physicians tell patients that medication abortions can be reversed by administering doses of progesterone, a controversial option.
- Indiana last year prohibited medication abortions after 10 weeks of pregnancy, and Texas banned medication abortion after seven weeks of pregnancy, according to Stateline.
- That all could lead to legal fights over federal preemption.
- "The reason we have an FDA is to set a uniform standard for what's safe and effective and approved by our top public health regulatory agency," Gostin said. "If states were to start to undermine that, it would be catastrophic. Nonetheless, that's what some states are doing and, with this conservative Supreme Court and indeed conservative judiciaries throughout, the outcome of that is by no means certain."

**Reality check:** The efforts to ban pills will dovetail with broader state efforts to restrict abortion access now that the Supreme Court struck the federal right to the procedure. And those state laws may ultimately need to be revisited as the wider health implications become clear.

- Health experts have warned that health providers may be reluctant to intervene and help people manage miscarriages, which often use the same methods as abortions.
- Fertility services such as in vitro fertilization could also be deemed illegal in some places, depending on how states define unborn human beings and whether that applies to embryos created through the IVF process.
- Emergency contraception like Plan B and certain types of intrauterine devices could also be restricted under some state laws, Cathren Cohen, a scholar of law and policy at the UCLA Law Center told NBC News last month.

“Anything that would prevent a fertilized egg from turning into a pregnancy and being born into a baby could be considered a homicide,” she said, per NBC.

**Vox:** [Roe is gone. What do Democrats do now?](#) by Christian Paz

Since **Justice Amy Coney Barrett’s nomination to the Supreme Court**, Democrats have suspected the end of *Roe v. Wade* was near. Those suspicions were confirmed in May, when a draft opinion in **Dobbs v. Jackson Women’s Health was leaked to Politico** and sent off as blaring an alarm as possible about the coming end of national legalized abortion.

Given all the time they’ve had to prepare, the lack of any real plan or preparation by national Democratic leaders in anticipation of Friday’s Supreme Court decision, in which the **high court finally overturned Roe**, has been stunning.

Now that there are officially no federal abortion protections, many elected Democrats, especially in leadership, seem to be listless, resorting to platitudes of hope, perseverance, and voting as their best response to the court’s conservative majority taking away a right. It’s true that electing more Democrats could provide a long-term fix, but between now and the start of a new session of Congress, millions of Americans living in nearly half the country won’t have a right to an abortion.

“We have an election coming up in November, and we need to elect pro-choice Democrats who are going to protect abortion rights, and give us the ability to pass legislation to protect those rights across this country,” Democratic Sen. Catherine Cortez Masto, who is locked in a tough reelection race in Nevada, told Vox. “That’s the easiest and simplest path forward, and that’s what I would ask everybody to understand and get behind.”

Elected Democrats facing tough midterm elections know that just asking people to vote is not the rallying cry angry and frightened people want to hear. They are doing so anyway due to the severe limits on what the federal government can really do right now.

President Joe Biden laid out that harsh reality in an address to the nation Friday, saying “the only way we can secure a woman’s right to choose, and the balance that existed, is for Congress to restore the protections of *Roe v. Wade* as federal law. No executive action from the president can do that, and if Congress, as it appears, lacks the votes to do that now, voters need to make their voices heard.”

Democrats have no quick federal fixes now, even though they nominally control the government. They find themselves in a moment that shows the limits of electoral politics, as laws restricting abortion go into effect in at least four states as early as today.

## **Biden doesn't have a lot of options — but that doesn't mean he has no options**

A legislative solution may be the only way to codify *Roe* at the federal level, and as Biden alluded to, that's not something easy to make happen. But in his speech on Friday, Biden did lay out some limited ways federal agencies can preserve access to abortion, both in states where it remains legal and through FDA-approved abortion pills, like mifepristone.

"Some states are saying they will try to ban or severely restrict access to these medications" he said. "Today I am directing the Department of Health and Human Services to take steps to secure these critical medications are available to the fullest extent possible."

Soon after the decision was made public, Attorney General Merrick Garland said the Justice Department would "use every tool at our disposal to protect reproductive freedom," including protecting the right for women to move freely to states where abortion is legal, access information about reproductive care, and the ability to freely attain reproductive services at clinics where it is legal. He also reiterated the department's guidance that states cannot ban mifepristone since the FDA has already approved it.

But that guidance isn't settled law, and some states, like Louisiana, have already tried to limit access to the medication — and whether a state can outright ban the pill is a legal open question.

The bottom line is that no one is really sure what comes next — and beyond urging pro-abortion rights Americans to elect pro-abortion candidates in races up and down the ballot, a dissonance is emerging between how national Democrats are behaving and the fear that many Americans, particularly women, feel right now.

## **Many Democrats appear out of step with their base**

*Dobbs* decision day seemed to catch Washington politicians off guard. After voting on bipartisan gun safety legislation this afternoon, the House of Representatives is set to leave the capital for two weeks for the Fourth of July holiday. The Senate left the Hill yesterday — and some senators were on their way home when the news broke Friday.

NBC News reported that White House staffers, and first lady Jill Biden, learned of the decision by push alerts on their phones — and the press office canceled the day's press briefing to make time for a sudden presidential address.

On Capitol Hill, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi delivered somber remarks shortly after the opinion was released, but a video of her reciting a poem was what gained traction from that address. Another video of House Democrats singing "God Bless America" had accumulated about a million views in the afternoon. Both clips appear to be fueling a sense among progressive and activist Democrats that their action isn't meeting the moment. Meanwhile, riot police were being deployed to control angry crowds outside the court; snipers appeared to have taken position on the building's roof. As he ended his speech, Biden urged protestors to be peaceful and nonviolent.

Congressional action is limited now. A Senate vote to codify *Roe* shortly after the draft opinion leaked failed to clear a filibuster; the odds that the filibuster will be done away with now are low, despite its greatest defender, Sen. Joe Manchin of West Virginia, acknowledging that he now feels lied to by

justices who voted to overturn *Roe v. Wade* and *Planned Parenthood v. Casey*. Sen. Susan Collins (R-ME), one of two pro-abortion rights Republicans in the Senate, said in a **statement Friday** that she's working with Democrats on a new bill "that would codify *Roe*." She did not elaborate on how the bipartisan legislation would clear the filibuster, however.

Any legislative path hinges on who controls Congress next year. House Democrats are on track to **lose their majority by a significant margin**; the **Senate remains in play**, however. Democrats would need to keep control of both chambers — and greatly expand their numbers in the Senate — to have any real hope of passing pro-abortion legislation. And that appears to be what the party is pinning its hopes on. In her **remarks on Friday**, Pelosi stressed Democrats need "to get two more senators so we can change the obstacles to passing laws."

But wait, hope, and vote may not be a message satisfying to the Democratic base. Earlier in the day, over 100 House Democrats marched about a block from the east steps of the Capitol building to the Supreme Court. "We trust women, we won't go back," they chanted. Rallying in front of the court, they continued their mantra. But once at the fence, the **voice of one protester** rang out over the lawmakers in a video posted to Twitter: "Democrats surrendered on this." With *Roe* gone, that feeling may only grow.

**The Hill:** [Next big fight looms over abortion pills](#), by Nathaniel Weixel

Abortion pills are likely to become the next major front of the fight over reproductive health care in the wake of the Supreme Court's decision overturning *Roe v. Wade*.

Republican-led states have been moving to limit or even completely ban access to the drugs, and advocates worry the Supreme Court's decision will embolden even more states to crack down.

Immediately following the ruling, Attorney General Merrick Garland said the Justice Department will protect the right to an abortion, including medication abortion.

"We stand ready to work with other arms of the federal government that seek to use their lawful authorities to protect and preserve access to reproductive care," Garland said in a statement.

"In particular, the [Food and Drug Administration] FDA has approved the use of the medication Mifepristone. States may not ban Mifepristone based on disagreement with the FDA's expert judgment about its safety and efficacy," Garland said.

President Biden on Friday also pledged to protect access to abortion pills, though the White House is limited in what it can do.

In brief remarks, Biden said he was directing the Department of Health and Human Services to ensure that abortion pills would be available to the "fullest extent possible," without specifying what measures the department would be taking.

There are two pills needed for a medication abortion, which is approved by the Food and Drug Administration for the first 10 weeks of pregnancy.

Mifepristone, a drug that blocks hormones necessary for pregnancy, was approved in 2000. It is then followed by misoprostol, which causes contractions and helps empty the uterus.

Medication abortion has become an increasingly common method for ending pregnancies. According to the Guttmacher Institute, it accounted for 54 percent of all abortions in 2020.

The FDA temporarily lifted a requirement that mifepristone be dispensed in-person at a clinic or hospital because of the COVID-19 pandemic, and the Biden administration made the change permanent in December, paving the way for doctors to prescribe the drug digitally and then mail the pills to patients.

Likely in anticipation of the Supreme Court's decision, state lawmakers introduced a flurry of restrictions on medication abortion this year. There are currently 19 states, mostly in the South and Midwest, that ban providers from prescribing abortion pills through telemedicine.

In 32 states, clinicians who administer medication abortion are required to be physicians.

Texas prohibits the use of medication abortion starting at seven weeks of pregnancy, while Indiana bans its use at 10 weeks.

This week, Louisiana's governor signed into law a bill that outlawed out-of-state providers from mailing abortion pills, punishable by up to 10 years in prison and a \$75,000 fine.

Only a few states have tried to ban the pills outright, and those moves are tied up in court.

Still, now that the Supreme Court has overturned Roe, there's a concern more states will try to restrict the pills, and there's no clear precedent on whether the Justice Department has the power to stop them.

States have the authority to regulate practice of medicine, but Garland is seemingly arguing that federal law — and a federal drug approval — takes precedence over state law.

Lawrence Gostin, a professor of global health law at Georgetown University, said Garland needs to take action against any state that sets up barriers or outright bans access to abortion drugs.

"The FDA is our premier public health regulatory agency. And it should set, and does set, a national uniform standard for safe and effective drugs ... states don't get to pick and choose which FDA approved drugs they will and won't allow," Gostin said.

But Gostin also said the Supreme Court doesn't have a consistent track record ruling about FDA preemption of state law.

"It's unclear whether a very conservative Supreme Court would allow FDA to preempt state bans, particularly since it's already ruled that abortion isn't protected under the Constitution," Gostin said. "And so I think it could go either way."

In one of the more recent examples of FDA preemption, Massachusetts in 2014 tried to ban the FDA-approved opioid Zohydro. The manufacturer sued, and a federal district court struck down the state's restrictions.

But the state didn't appeal the decision, so it never advanced in the courts, making its impact on future case law unclear.

**Washington Times:** [Attorney General Merrick Garland warns against violence after Supreme Court's abortion ruling](#), by Alex Swoyer

Attorney General Merrick Garland said Friday that violence won't be tolerated in the wake of the high court overturning the landmark Roe v. Wade ruling, which gave women a national right to abortion — but he stressed the First Amendment protects peaceful protesting.

He also encouraged Congress to codify Roe into law, saying restricting abortion in some states will impact minority and poor women the hardest.

“The Supreme Court has eliminated an established right that has been an essential component of women's liberty for half a century — a right that has safeguarded women's ability to participate fully and equally in society,” he said.

Mr. Garland also noted that federal workers can still help women obtain reproductive healthcare.

He said that federal agencies can provide those services in accordance with federal law.

“Federal employees who carry out their duties by providing such services must be allowed to do so free from the threat of liability. It is the Department's longstanding position that States generally may not impose criminal or civil liability on federal employees who perform their duties in a manner authorized by federal law. Additionally, the Department's Office of Legal Counsel has determined that federal employees engaging in such conduct would not violate the Assimilative Crimes Act and could not be prosecuted by the federal government under that law,” he said.

“The Justice Department is prepared to assist agencies in resolving any questions about the scope of their authority to provide reproductive care,” Mr. Garland added.

His comments come after progressive groups have promised revenge after the court's ruling that upended a national right to abortion.

The justices were considering Mississippi's state law banning abortion after 15 weeks of pregnancy in the case of Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization.

Mississippi officials argued that Roe's holding that abortion is a constitutional right should be overturned because it's outdated. The state said the viability standard for the fetus set out in Roe was unclear, and Mississippi had an interest in banning abortions after 15 weeks to protect women's health and that of unborn children.

The legal challenge to the restrictions was brought by Jackson Women's Health Organization, the state's only abortion clinic, and a doctor who provides abortions. According to court papers, the clinic had provided abortions up to 16 weeks of gestation.

They challenged the state's Gestational Age Act, enacted in 2018. The law, which its authors intended specifically to challenge Roe's guidelines, banned abortions after 15 weeks unless there is a medical emergency or severe abnormality in the fetus.

The abortion providers told the court in their filing that the state's interest in the woman's health and children doesn't begin until viability occurs, "months" after the 15-week marker set in the law.

In the 6 to 3 ruling, the high court said the right to abortion is not explicit in the Constitution and the issue should return to state legislatures.

The deliberations inside the court were shaken last month when a draft opinion to overturn Roe v. Wade was leaked and published by Politico.

Pro-choice protesters, enraged by the leak, have shown up outside the houses of Chief Justice John G. Roberts Jr. and Justices Brett Kavanaugh, Amy Coney Barrett and Samuel A. Alito Jr., who authored the leaked opinion. One California man traveled to Justice Kavanaugh's suburban Maryland home with a plan to murder him. He was stopped outside the justice's home by authorities.

It was the first time a full draft opinion was leaked in the Supreme Court's 233-year history.

**Voice of America:** [Biden, Top US Officials Plead for Peaceful Protests Following Abortion Ruling](#), by Jeff Seldin

WASHINGTON — Top U.S. officials warned Americans Friday against resorting to violence following the Supreme Court ruling that struck down the constitutional right to abortion, which sparked emotional responses from those on both sides of the debate.

Abortion rights opponents outside the Supreme Court in Washington celebrated following Friday's ruling, chanting "Goodbye, Roe!" to mark the court's 5-4 decision to overturn Roe v. Wade, the case that established the right to an abortion nearly 50 years ago.

At the same time, groups of abortion rights supporters also gathered outside the court, chanting "My body, my choice," while carrying signs reading "Overturn Roe? Hell no!" and "Rise up for abortion rights."

### **'No intimidation'**

Despite emotions running high among both groups, the demonstrations appeared peaceful, and President Joe Biden called on all Americans to keep it that way, both in Washington and across the country.

"No intimidation. Violence is never acceptable," Biden said in an address to the nation in which he also accused the Supreme Court of taking away a fundamental right and "literally taking America back 150 years."

"We must stand against violence in any form, regardless of your rationale," Biden added. "Keep all protests peaceful, peaceful, peaceful."

Earlier, U.S. Attorney General Merrick Garland also warned Americans against resorting to violence in reaction to the court's ruling.

"Peacefully expressing a view is protected by the First Amendment," Garland said in a statement. "Violence and threats of violence are not. The Justice Department will not tolerate such acts."

U.S. officials and law enforcement agencies have been bracing for weeks for potential fallout from the Supreme Court ruling on abortion, which was first leaked in early May.

"We have been working closely with our law enforcement partners in order to prepare for demonstrations related to the Supreme Court," the U.S. Capitol Police, which is responsible for security for Congress and the Capitol, told VOA in an email Friday.

U.S. homeland security officials have also cited the ruling as a key factor in an ever more dangerous and volatile threat environment.

"Individuals who advocate both for and against abortion have, on public forums, encouraged violence, including against government, religious and reproductive health care personnel and facilities, as well as those with opposing ideologies," the Department of Homeland Security warned in its latest bulletin, issued this month.

There have also been concerns about the safety of the Supreme Court's nine justices. The Justice Department announced round-the-clock security details for all justices last month.

A 26-year-old California man, Nicholas John Roske, was arrested June 8 outside the home of Associate Justice Brett Kavanaugh. Police said Roske was carrying a gun, ammunition, a knife and other items, and that he said he was planning to kill himself and Kavanaugh. Roske has been charged with attempted murder.

**Spectrum News:** [AG Garland says DOJ will protect abortion access](#), by Justin Tasolides

In a blistering statement, Attorney General Merrick Garland said the Justice Department "strongly disagrees" with the Supreme Court's decision to overturn *Roe v. Wade*, the 1973 ruling which guaranteed a woman's constitutional right to an abortion, and pledged to "work tirelessly to protect and advance reproductive freedom."

"The Supreme Court has eliminated an established right that has been an essential component of women's liberty for half a century – a right that has safeguarded women's ability to participate fully and equally in society," Garland wrote. "And in renouncing this fundamental right, which it had repeatedly recognized and reaffirmed, the Court has upended the doctrine of *stare decisis*, a key pillar of the rule of law.

*Stare decisis* is a legal doctrine by which judges are obligated to respect precedent set by previous rulings; in Latin, the phrase means "to stand by things decided."

Garland said that the ruling "deals a devastating blow to reproductive freedom" nationwide and will "have an immediate and irreversible impact on the lives of people across the country."

The attorney general noted that the ruling will have a disproportionate impact on lower-income individuals and people of color.

Garland said that the department supports efforts to codify *Roe* into law and said the department is "ready to work with other arms of the federal government that seek to use their lawful authorities to protect and preserve access to reproductive care."

In particular, Garland highlighted mifepristone, an FDA-approved pill used to terminate a pregnancy in the first 10 weeks, saying that states may not ban the drug "based on disagreement with the FDA's expert judgment about its safety and efficacy."

According to the [Guttmacher Institute](#), a pro-abortion rights research and policy organization, medication abortion now accounts for more than half of all abortions in the United States.

Garland also noted that “federal agencies may continue to provide reproductive health services to the extent authorized by federal law” and employees of the federal government who provide such services in their duties “must be allowed to do so free from the threat of liability.”

“It is the Department’s longstanding position that States generally may not impose criminal or civil liability on federal employees who perform their duties in a manner authorized by federal law,” Garland said, noting that the DOJ’s Office of Legal Counsel ruled that federal employees who do so would not be subject to the Assimilative Crimes Act and could not face federal prosecution.

Garland urged people on both sides of the issue to do so peacefully: “Advocates with different views on this issue have the right to, and will, voice their opinions. Peacefully expressing a view is protected by the First Amendment. But we must be clear that violence and threats of violence are not. The Justice Department will not tolerate such acts.

“The ability to decide one’s own future is a fundamental American value, and few decisions are more significant and personal than the choice of whether and when to have children,” Garland concluded. “Few rights are more central to individual freedom than the right to control one’s own body.

“The Justice Department will use every tool at our disposal to protect reproductive freedom,” Garland pledged. “And we will not waver from this Department’s founding responsibility to protect the civil rights of all Americans.”

**Washington Examiner:** [Merrick Garland says Biden DOJ ‘strongly disagrees’ with Supreme Court Roe decision](#), by Jerry Dunleavy

Attorney General Merrick Garland said the Justice Department “strongly disagrees” with the Supreme Court overturning *Roe v. Wade*, warning states about bans of the “abortion pill.”

“The Justice Department strongly disagrees with the Court’s decision. This decision deals a devastating blow to reproductive freedom in the United States,” Garland said. “The Justice Department will work tirelessly to protect and advance reproductive freedom ... The Justice Department will use every tool at our disposal to protect reproductive freedom.”

The attorney general added: “We stand ready to work with other arms of the federal government that seek to use their lawful authorities to protect and preserve access to reproductive care. In particular, the FDA has approved the use of the medication Mifepristone. States may not ban Mifepristone based on disagreement with the FDA’s expert judgment about its safety and efficacy.”

Mifepristone is commonly known as the “abortion pill.”

The Supreme Court's Friday ruling in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization* overturned 1973's *Roe* and 1992's *Planned Parenthood of Southeastern Pennsylvania v. Casey*, which had declared a constitutional right to abortion and severely limited the ability of states to outlaw the practice.

Mississippi's 2018 Gestational Age Act stated that "except in a medical emergency or in the case of a severe fetal abnormality, a person shall not intentionally or knowingly perform ... an abortion of an unborn human being if the probable gestational age of the unborn human being has been determined to be greater than fifteen weeks."

An abortion clinic challenged the law in federal court and claimed it violated Supreme Court precedent on abortion. This eventually made its way to the Supreme Court, where the law was upheld and *Roe* and *Casey* were tossed.

Justice Samuel Alito wrote the opinion, in which Justices Clarence Thomas, Neil Gorsuch, Brett Kavanaugh, and Amy Coney Barrett joined. Thomas and Kavanaugh also filed concurring opinions, while Roberts filed an opinion concurring in the judgment. Justices Stephen Breyer, Sonia Sotomayor, and Elena Kagan filed a dissenting opinion.

Garland lamented that "the Supreme Court has eliminated an established right that has been an essential component of women's liberty for half a century — a right that has safeguarded women's ability to participate fully and equally in society."

Since the May 2 leak of a draft of the Supreme Court's opinion, there have been heightened threats against Supreme Court justices and anti-abortion advocates, including a rash of attacks and vandalism targeting anti-abortion activist groups and pregnancy centers across the country.

More than 100 House Republicans sent a letter to Garland last week calling on the DOJ to investigate the incidents as acts of domestic terrorism.

Sen. Marco Rubio (R-FL) also pressed Garland on the domestic terrorism classification earlier this month.

The House GOP letter argued that "terrorists have targeted numerous pro-life crisis pregnancy centers — two of which culminated in the firebombing and destruction of property by the terrorist group Jane's Revenge" in Buffalo, New York, and Madison, Wisconsin.

"The FBI is investigating a series of attacks and threats targeting pregnancy resource centers and faith-based organizations across the country," a spokesperson for the FBI's national press office said last week. "The FBI takes all threats seriously and we continue to work closely with our law enforcement partners and will remain vigilant to protect our communities."

Earlier in June, 16 Republican senators, along with a number of national anti-abortion groups, sent a letter to Garland telling him "the criminal acts perpetrated against those who oppose legalized abortion are a clear effort to intimidate or coerce individuals who hold pro-life values."

The gun-toting suspect who traveled from California to Maryland this month in an alleged plot to kill Brett Kavanaugh over the leak of the draft *Dobbs* decision has been indicted by a federal grand jury for an "attempt to assassinate" the Supreme Court justice. Nicholas Roske, 26, showed up at Kavanaugh's

house after midnight with burglary tools, a knife, a gun, and a pair of special boots with outer soles allowing stealth movement inside a house, though he walked away when he spotted a pair of deputy U.S. marshals, who were part of the Supreme Court justice's security force, outside Kavanaugh's home, according to court records.

Roske told investigators he was angry about the leak of the draft *Dobbs* decision and also believed Kavanaugh would play a role in upholding Second Amendment rights.

GOP Senate leadership also sent a letter to the DOJ last week demanding answers over a lack of criminal prosecution surrounding "illegal picketing" outside the homes of justices.

The U.S. attorney and the FBI's assistant director in charge of the nation's capital said in a joint statement this month that "we will not tolerate violence, destruction, interference with government functions, or trespassing on government property," including at the Supreme Court. It did not mention the justices' homes.

**WCBE (NPR Columbus):** [Ohio AG Dave Yost files paperwork to put 'heartbeat' law in place immediately](#), by Karen Kasler

Ohio's Republican attorney general has asked a federal court to lift a legal hold on the state's six-week abortion ban — passed and signed in 2019 — to put that so-called "heartbeat" law into effect immediately.

Attorney General Dave Yost said in the [two-page filing](#) that the hold on the law was based on cases establishing a constitutional right to abortion, which the *Dobbs* ruling overturned.

Ohio was one of the first states to consider a six-week abortion ban when it was proposed in 2011. It was introduced every two years after that.

The ban did pass in 2018, but outgoing Gov. John Kasich, a Republican, vetoed the bill. The decision to veto that legislation came just a few weeks before leaving office, even though he had signed all previous measures restricting abortion passed during his administration.

The 'heartbeat' bill passed again in 2019 and was signed into law by Gov. Mike DeWine, a Republican, who had said during his 2018 campaign that he would approve it. The ACLU of Ohio immediately sued and the law was put on hold.

Yost also put out a statement about the possibility of violent protests, which so far hasn't happened.

After the *Dobbs* decision, Yost noted that the abortion debate will continue, but "passion is no license to violence."

"I call again on my federal colleague, Attorney General Merrick Garland, and my fellow state attorneys general to publicly commit to holding violent protesters accountable under the law, no matter which side they are on," Yost said in the video.

Earlier this week Yost and 18 other Republican attorneys general wrote a letter to Garland, asking him to “take swift action in response to recent terrorist acts against anti-abortion organizations.” They cited media reports as well as statements from religious groups.

On January 6 Yost did call for criminal prosecution of those who stormed the U.S. Capitol as well as those involved in Black Lives Matter protests at a federal courthouse in Portland, Oregon in 2020.

Republican lawmakers, who hold a supermajority in the House and Senate, have said they plan to work on a bill that bans abortions in Ohio now that *Roe v. Wade* has been overturned. The legislature is on break but will likely take up the issue at some point this year.

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— **DOJ: A.G. MERRICK GARLAND** said in a statement that states may not ban medication abortion drugs. He said the Justice Department will “work tirelessly to protect and advance reproductive freedom.”

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Demonstrators on both sides of the abortion debate quickly amassed near the Supreme Court today. Francis Chung/E&E News/POLITICO

**One sentence overturning a nearly 50-year-old constitutional protection:** “*Held:* The Constitution does not confer a right to abortion; *Roe* and *Casey* are overruled; and the authority to regulate abortion is returned to the people and their elected representatives.”

**THE FRACTURED COURT** — *Roe v. Wade* was decided 7-2 in 1973. The Supreme Court’s decision to overturn it was decided 5-4, with the nine justices divided into four warring camps. The six conservatives were split into three distinct groups on what the decision means for other privacy rights, and the three liberals pointedly warned which faction they believed was ascendant:

**1. SAMUEL ALITO, BRETT KAVANAUGH and AMY CONEY BARRETT** took pains to make it clear that the Dobbs decision doesn't affect other rights protected using the same constitutional logic of Roe.

**Key excerpts from the majority opinion:** “We hold that Roe and Casey must be overruled. The Constitution makes no reference to abortion, and no such rights implicitly protected by any constitutional provision, including the one on which the defenders of Roe and Casey now chiefly rely — the Due Process Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment. That provision has been held to guarantee some rights that are not mentioned in the Constitution, but any such right must be ‘deeply rooted in this Nation’s history and tradition’ and ‘implicit in the concept of ordered liberty.’ ... The right to abortion does not fall within this category. ...

**“Roe was egregiously wrong from the start.** Its reasoning was exceptionally weak, and the decision has had damaging consequences. And far from bringing about a national settlement of the abortion issue, Roe and Casey have enflamed debate and deepened division. It is time to heed the Constitution and return the issue of abortion to the people’s elected representatives.” [Read the full opinion](#)

**2. Meanwhile, CLARENCE THOMAS, who joined the majority, also wrote a concurring opinion** calling explicitly for future SCOTUS decisions that attack so-called due process precedents, including, he said, protections for same-sex marriage, private sexual acts and contraception.

**Key excerpt from Thomas’ concurrence:** “Because the Due Process Clause does not secure any substantive rights, it does not secure a right to abortion. ...

**“[W]e should reconsider all of this Court’s substantive due process precedents** , including Griswold [the 1965 ruling affirming the right of married persons to obtain contraceptives], Lawrence [the 2003 ruling affirming the right for adults to engage in private, consensual sexual acts], and Obergefell [the 2015 ruling affirming the right to same-sex marriage]. Because any substantive due process decision is ‘demonstrably erroneous,’ ... we have a duty to ‘correct the error’ established in those precedents. ...

**“Because the Court properly applies** our substantive due process precedents to reject the fabrication of a constitutional right to abortion, and because this case does not present the opportunity to reject substantive due process entirely, I join the Court’s opinion.”

**3. Chief Justice JOHN ROBERTS**, who has modeled himself on **JOHN MARSHALL**, was unable to cobble together a consensus. His lonely concurrence, written more in sadness than in anger, set out the compromise path that was not taken: a proposal to strike down Roe’s viability standard, and thus uphold the Mississippi law, but keep Roe’s core constitutional right to an abortion.

***Key excerpt from Roberts’ concurrence:*** “[T]here is a clear path to deciding this case correctly without overruling Roe all the way down to the studs: recognize that the viability line must be discarded, as the majority rightly does, and leave for another day whether to reject any right to an abortion at all. ...

**“The Court’s decision to overrule Roe and Casey** is a serious jolt to the legal system — regardless of how you view those cases. A narrower decision rejecting the misguided viability line would be markedly less unsettling, and nothing more is needed to decide this case. ...

**“Both the Court’s opinion and the dissent** display a relentless freedom from doubt on the legal issue that I cannot share. I am not sure, for example, that a ban on terminating a pregnancy from the moment of conception must be treated the same under the Constitution as a ban after fifteen weeks. ... I therefore concur only in the judgment.”

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**4. STEPHEN BREYER, SONIA SOTOMAYOR and ELENA KAGAN's** withering dissent — written more in anger than in sadness — mocked the majority's legal reasoning, scoffed at their obsession with what was on the minds of dead white men in 1868, the year the 14th Amendment was ratified, and warned that, despite the “too-much-repeated protestations” of the majority,” it was Thomas' concurrence that was a harbinger of where the court is headed.

***Key excerpt from their dissent:*** “Whatever the exact scope of the coming laws, one result of today's decision is certain: the curtailment of women's rights, and of their status as free and equal citizens. Yesterday, the Constitution guaranteed that a woman confronted with an unplanned pregnancy could (within reasonable limits) make her own decision about whether to bear a child, with all the life-transforming consequences that act involves. And in thus safeguarding each woman's reproductive freedom, the Constitution also protected “[t]he ability of women to participate equally in [this Nation's] economic and social life.” ...

**“But no longer. As of today, this Court holds, a State can always force a woman to give birth,** prohibiting even the earliest abortions. A State can thus transform what, when freely undertaken, is a wonder into what, when forced, may be a nightmare. ...

**“[N]o one should be confident that this majority is done with its work.** The right Roe and Casey recognized does not stand alone. To the contrary, the Court has linked it for decades to other settled freedoms involving bodily integrity, familial relationships, and procreation. Most obviously, the right to terminate a pregnancy arose straight out of the

right to purchase and use contraception. ... In turn, those rights led, more recently, to rights of same-sex intimacy and marriage. ... They are all part of the same constitutional fabric, protecting autonomous decision making over the most personal of life decisions.

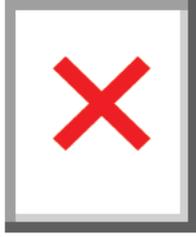
**“The majority (or to be more accurate, most of it)** is eager to tell us today that nothing it does ‘cast[s] doubt on precedents that do not concern abortion.’ ... Either the mass of the majority's opinion is hypocrisy, or additional constitutional rights are under threat. It is one or the other. ... But we cannot understand how anyone can be confident that today’s opinion will be the last of its kind.”

**Good Friday afternoon.**

### **WHAT IT MEANS IN THE STATES ...**

— **All or nearly all abortion has now effectively been outlawed in Missouri, [per the St. Louis Post-Dispatch](#) ... and Kentucky, [per the Louisville Courier Journal](#), plus South Dakota and Louisiana.** Other states’ bans will take effect in 30 days, like **Idaho, [per Boise State Public Radio](#).**

— **In Texas, almost all abortion will be outlawed in 30 days, [per the Texas Tribune](#).** Texas A.G. **KEN PAXTON [announced he would close agency offices early](#)** today as a “memorial” to “almost 70 million babies who have been killed in the womb.”



— [Megan Messerly has a breakdown](#) of where things stand in each state.

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## HOW WASHINGTON RESPONDED ...

— **President JOE BIDEN:** “The health and life of women in this nation are now at risk,” Biden warned in hastily scheduled remarks to the nation this afternoon. Biden directed federal agencies to take steps to help ensure access to medication abortion and travel across state lines to obtain abortions. He also urged Americans to vote in November — in an acknowledgment of Democrats’ relative powerlessness on the issue, Biden said only Congress could re-enshrine the right through legislation, and only if voters put more pro-abortion-rights leaders in office.

**Biden castigated the court** for its decision. “Today, the Supreme Court of the United States expressly took away a constitutional right from the American people that it had already recognized,” he said. “This decision is a culmination of a deliberate effort over decades to upset the balance of our law. It’s a realization of an extreme ideology and a tragic error by the Supreme Court.” [More from Jonathan Lemire and Eugene Daniels](#)

— **DOJ:** A.G. **MERRICK GARLAND** said in a statement that states may not ban medication abortion drugs. He said the Justice Department will “work tirelessly to protect and advance reproductive freedom.”

— **DONALD TRUMP** [to Fox News’ Brooke Singman](#): “This is following the Constitution, and giving rights back when they should have been given long ago ... I think, in the end, this is something that will work out for everybody.” **But, but, but:** Behind the scenes, Trump has actually been telling Republicans privately that he worried the decision

would be bad for the party in swing districts, [per NYT's Maggie Haberman](#).

— **The House GOP:** Chatter has already started about trying to pass a national 15-week abortion ban, [per CNN's Mel Zanona](#).

— **Senate Judiciary Dems:** Chair **DICK DURBIN** (D-Ill.) [announced his committee will hold a hearing](#) responding to the ruling next month.

— **Speaker NANCY PELOSI** at her press conference this morning: "Reproductive freedom is on the ballot in November."

— **Senate Majority Leader CHUCK SCHUMER:** "Millions upon millions of American women are having their rights taken from them by five unelected Justices on the extremist MAGA court."

— **Senate Minority Leader MITCH MCCONNELL:** "The Court has corrected a terrible legal and moral error, like when Brown v. Board overruled Plessy v. Ferguson."

— **Sen. JOE MANCHIN** ([D-W.Va.](#)): "I trusted Justice Gorsuch and Justice Kavanaugh when they testified under oath that they also believed Roe v. Wade was settled legal precedent and I am alarmed they chose to reject the stability the ruling has provided for two generations of Americans."

— **Sen. SUSAN COLLINS** (R-Maine): "This decision is inconsistent with what Justices Gorsuch and Kavanaugh said in their testimony and their meetings with me, where they both were insistent on the importance of supporting long-standing precedents that the country has relied upon."

— **House Majority Whip JIM CLYBURN** (D-S.C.) [told USA Today's Dylan Wells](#), in remarks that have ticked off the left: "It's a little anticlimactic, I think we all expected this. And I'm hopeful, you know I have to read the decision to see exactly the extent to which we can move legislatively to respond to it."

**MORE:** ["Democrats launch organizing hub to channel response to Supreme Court abortion decision,"](#) by Elena Schneider ... ["What's next for virtual abortions post-Roe,"](#) by Ben Leonard

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**SCENES FROM SCOTUS:**



Abort on-r ghts advocate Nad ne Se er demonstrates outs de the U.S. Supreme Court after the court announced ts dec s on n Dobbs v. Jackson June 24, 2022. Franc s Chung/E&E News/POLITICO



Anti-abortion protesters gather outside the Supreme Court in Washington, D.C., Friday, June 24, 2022. The Supreme Court has ended constitutional protections for abortion that had been in place for nearly 50 years, a decision by its conservative majority to overturn the court's landmark abortion cases. (Gemunu Amarasinghe/AP Photo)



Rep. Marjorie Taylor-Greene (R-Ga.) speaks with the media outside the U.S. Supreme Court after the court announced its decision in *Dobbs v. Jackson* June 24, 2022. (Francis Chung/E&E News/POLITICO)

## GUNS IN AMERICA

**GUN BILL HEADS TO BIDEN'S DESK** — The House voted 234-193 to pass the bipartisan gun bill today, sending it to the president's desk. The legislation, which would expand background checks for gun owners and states to establish "red flag" laws, among other provisions, received the support of the full Democratic caucus and 14 GOP members.

**NOT AT THE TABLE** — Whither Sen. **MARK KELLY** (D-Ariz.) in the congressional gun negotiations? He's a prominent reform advocate, a senator with intimate knowledge of gun violence's toll — and a man running for reelection. [The Atlantic's Russell Berman examines](#) why Kelly didn't take a lead role in helping craft the bipartisan gun reform bill, which has perplexed some in Arizona. A few possible explanations some political operatives offer: Kelly was deferring to Sen. **KYRSTEN SINEMA** (D-Ariz.), who had seniority and better ties with Republicans. Or, as a top target for Republicans this fall, Kelly may have actually made negotiations trickier if he'd played a big part.

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## JAN. 6 AND ITS AFTERMATH

**THE INVESTIGATIONS** — The Justice Department and the House Jan. 6 committee are both seeking footage from a Danish documentary that tracked **ROGER STONE** in the aftermath of the 2020 election, [WaPo's Jon Swaine and Dalton Bennett report](#). Documentarian **CHRISTOFFER GULDBRANDSEN** apparently has 170 hours of footage, but he's declined to provide it to investigators, "citing the need to maintain journalistic independence and to complete his film. The requests were made on a voluntary basis and Guldbrandsen has not been subpoenaed."

## ALL POLITICS

**ENDORSEMENT WATCH** — In Los Angeles, the big question for the mayoral runoff is whether Rep. **KAREN BASS** can land the backing of a big-name Democrat like Biden, VP **KAMALA HARRIS** or former President **BARACK OBAMA**, [report the L.A. Times' Noah Bierman and Benjamin Oreskes](#). Behind the scenes, Bass allies hope that such an endorsement could help her put away **RICK CARUSO** in the race.

**2024 WATCH** — Virginia Gov. **GLENN YOUNGKIN** is launching a schedule of campaign travel around the country for fellow Republicans, [Fox News' Paul Steinhauser reports](#).

## THE WHITE HOUSE

**THE FORMULA FUROR** — [“Biden officials still trying to get better baby formula supply data as shortages continue,”](#) by Meredith Lee: “The FDA has awarded an exclusive contract to Nielsen to provide additional retail data to the administration.”

## PLAYBOOKERS

**OUT AND ABOUT** — HawkEye 360 hosted a reception at the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center on Thursday evening, with keynote remarks from **Chuck Hagel**. Also **SPOTTED: Terry McAuliffe, Bud Cramer, Deborah Lee James, Mac Thornberry, Mark Lewis, Kari Bingen and John Serafini**.

**MEDIA MOVES** — The NYT is officially launching a London-based international investigations team, including new staffers **Megha Rajagopalan**, previously a Pulitzer winner at BuzzFeed, and **Justin Scheck**, previously a Polk winner at the WSJ. [Announcement](#)

**TRANSITIONS** — **Kirsten Madison** will be VP for government relations at the National Endowment for Democracy. She most recently was director of homeland security for the Senate Homeland Security and Government Affairs GOP, and is a State Department and NSC alum. ... **Annika Olson** is joining the National Air Traffic Controllers Association as political and legislative representative. She previously was assistant director of policy research at UT Austin.

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**Dobbs Statement Clips**

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**TV:**

<p><b>MSNBC:</b> <a href="#">Andrea Mitchell Reports</a></p>  <p>The screenshot shows a news broadcast from MSNBC. On the left, there is a large crowd of people gathered outdoors, with a building in the background. On the right, a female reporter is speaking. The text 'SUPREME COURT OVERTURNS ROE V. WADE' is visible at the bottom of the image. The MSNBC logo is also present.</p>	<p><b>MSNBC 6/24/2022 12:35:15 PM:</b> ...thinks, do not want to go back not just to the 1950s but to the 1850s which is exactly what this decision does. &gt;&gt; senator k obuchar, merrick gar and talked about protecting women who want to travel from one state to another. some of the people we have interviewed talked about lengthening. senator co ins says that they will attempt -- i think senator cane s bipartisan bill to codify roe v. wade. can congress do that? considering it s a 50/50 senate and that you have got at least 13 states with trigger laws. certainly, nearly half the states, 26 states, as you pointed out, in your map, where it s going to be illegal, with no exceptions in some. &gt;&gt; andrea, the filibuster, which i don t support, i would get rid of it, it s a 60-vote threshold. we have senators out there that are out and out talking about putting in legislation on the republican side to be abortion. to me, the answer is simple. it s november. it s the ballot box. that s what it is. the women of this country and the men that support them -- it s not just democrats. moderate republicans, independents understand, this is a step too far. enough is enough. you cannot get rid of a right that s been there for 50 years with the argument that the word abortion was never in the constitution. the word woman isn t in the constitution. she isn t in the constitution. the air force isn t in the constitution. they are literally taking us backwards. the answer to me is to fight to november and to elect candidates that are going to uphold the woman s right to trust that she can make the decision for herself. between her mother doctor, with her family. they don t want ted cruz making those decisions.</p>
<p><b>Fox Business:</b> <a href="#">Cavuto Coast to Coast</a></p>	<p><b>FBN 6/24/2022 12:03:56 PM:</b> ...reporter: coming in from both sides of the aisle on capitol hill. a big push from democrats for congress to codify roe now, even moderates like senator joe manchin say he would support that move. we heard from the attorney general meritt garland and of the justice Department. he says he supports congress moving to do that. progressives though are pushing this to use as a way to echo origin to revisit cases to expand the supreme court saying that this decision was made by a republican-controlled supreme court. there s also a big contingent of back congresswoman led by congresswoman ianna presley writing a letter to president biden asking him to declare a public health and national emergency and asking him to use any and all executive authorities to address the public health crisis our nation will face if roe v. wade is dismantled. democrats are also using this to push ahead into november, saying or warning that states will not stop at just restricting abortion access but instead, will push to restrict access to things like birth control</p>

**Radio:**

<a href="#">National Public Radio</a>	<p><b>NPR 06/24/2022 12:53:19 PM:</b> ...I don't know if there's much he can't do. I mean, I'm curious to see what happens next when it comes to actions following those specific warnings that he said that his Attorney general, Merrick Garland and made this point as well that the administration would defend that bedrock right as he put it, to allow women to travel over state lines to allow doctors to treat women from other States without without punishment. Curious what that specific category looks like for that fighting crisis and quarter something more broad same things what sort of protections he puts in place for for the US mainly which is of course a federal system. I think the other thing that's worth pointing out, especially as we know, recently. Somebody was arrested, arrested outside Justice Kavanaugh's House Biden repeated. Toward the end of a speech ...</p>
<a href="#">National Public Radio</a>	<p><b>NPR 6/24/2022 12:36:39 PM:</b> ...now taking away right that people have had for 50 years nearly my entire lifetime and dissenters on the court. The 3 liberals just protested. We've heard from Attorney general Merrick Garland who says this will have a devastating impact on people, particularly people impacted financially and people color. This is going to follow in the weeks and months and years ahead. In fact, there are some questions now about whether some of the legal reasoning in this holding in this case we can Dobbs could apply to other rights including contraception between married couples, same-sex marriage and other things that involve personal and intimate issues and now we're expecting to hear from the President.</p>
<a href="#">Bloomberg Radio</a>	<p><b>WBRR 06/24/2022 12:28:58 PM:</b> ...today to overturn Roe vs. Wade and Casey versus Planned Parenthood's referring to what the Democrats had done for many years as what he called a radical agenda that now is going to return and also warning the Attorney general to make sure that they protected against possible violence in demonstrations against what has been done saying that 140 days that there's going to be a new Sheriff in town at least they're going to have he thanks a majority House and they would Merrick Garland to account for a summary now where we are. We turn now to our Washington correspondent Joe Matthews, of course, the host of sound on every day week at 5 p.m. eastern time here up at the Supreme court, United States. So what's the agenda of the roads ...</p>

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Just in: AG Garland with a lengthy statement reacting to SCOTUS overturning Roe v. Wade, calls it a "devastating blow" to reproductive freedom in the U.S. and that DOJ will "will work tirelessly to protect and advance reproductive freedom."



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In lengthy statement, Garland also notes: "Women who reside in states that have banned access to comprehensive reproductive care must remain free to seek that care in states where it is legal."

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**Associated Press:** [Supreme Court overturns Roe v. Wade; states can ban abortion](#), by Mark Sherman

WASHINGTON (AP) The [Supreme Court](#) on Friday ended constitutional protections for abortion that had stood in America for nearly a half-century. The decision by the court's conservative majority overturned the landmark [Roe v. Wade](#) ruling and is expected to lead to abortion bans in roughly half the states.

The ruling, unthinkable just a few years ago, was the culmination of decades of efforts by abortion opponents, made possible by an emboldened right side of the court that has been fortified by three appointees of former President Donald Trump.

Both sides predicted the fight over abortion would continue, in state capitals and in Washington, and Justice Clarence Thomas, part of Friday's majority, called on the court to overturn other high court rulings protecting same-sex marriage, gay sex and the use of contraceptives.

Clinics in at least two states, Wisconsin and West Virginia, stopped performing abortions after Friday's decision.

Abortion foes cheered the ruling, but abortion-rights supporters, including President Joe Biden, expressed dismay and pledged to fight to restore the rights.

"It's a sad day for the court and for the country," Biden said at the White House. He urged voters to make it a defining issue in the November elections, declaring, "This decision must not be the final word."

The ruling came more than a month after the stunning [leak of a draft opinion](#) by Justice Samuel Alito indicating the court

was prepared to take this momentous step.

It puts the court at odds with a majority of Americans who favored preserving Roe, according to opinion polls.

Alito, in [the final opinion issued Friday](#), wrote that Roe and Planned Parenthood v. Casey, the 1992 decision that reaffirmed the right to abortion, were wrong the days they were decided and must be overturned.

“We therefore hold that the Constitution does not confer a right to abortion. Roe and Casey must be overruled, and the authority to regulate abortion must be returned to the people and their elected representatives,” Alito wrote, in an opinion that was very similar to the leaked draft.

Authority to regulate abortion rests with the political branches, not the courts, Alito wrote.

Joining Alito were Thomas and Justices Neil Gorsuch, Brett Kavanaugh, Amy Coney Barrett. The latter three justices are Trump appointees. Thomas first voted to overrule Roe 30 years ago.

Four justices would have left Roe and Casey in place.

The vote was 6-3 to uphold the Mississippi law, but Chief Justice John Roberts didn't join his conservative colleagues in overturning Roe. He wrote that there was no need to overturn the broad precedents to rule in Mississippi's favor.

Justices Stephen Breyer, Sonia Sotomayor and Elena Kagan — the diminished liberal wing of the court — were in dissent.

“With sorrow — for this Court, but more, for the many millions of American women who have today lost a fundamental constitutional protection — we dissent,” they wrote, warning that abortion opponents now could pursue a nationwide ban “from the moment of conception and without exceptions for rape or incest.”

The ruling is expected to disproportionately affect minority women who already face limited access to health care, according to statistics analyzed by The Associated Press.

Attorney General Merrick Garland said the Justice Department “will work tirelessly to protect and advance reproductive freedom.” He said in a statement that in addition to protecting providers and those seeking abortions in states where it is legal “we stand ready to work with other arms of the federal government that seek to use their lawful authorities to protect and preserve access to reproductive care.”

In particular, Garland said that the federal Food and Drug Administration has approved the use of Mifepristone for medication abortions.

“States may not ban Mifepristone based on disagreement with the FDA's expert judgment about its safety and efficacy,” Garland said.

More than 90% of abortions take place in the first 13 weeks of pregnancy, and more than half are now done with pills, not surgery, according to data compiled by the Guttmacher Institute, a research group that supports abortion rights.

Mississippi's only abortion clinic, which is at the center of the case, continued to see patients Friday. Outside, men used a bullhorn to tell people inside the clinic that they would burn in hell. Clinic escorts wearing colorful vests used large stereo speakers to blast Tom Petty's “I Won't Back Down” at the protesters.

Mississippi is one of 13 states, mainly in the South and Midwest, that already have laws on the books that ban abortion in the event Roe is overturned. Another half-dozen states have near-total bans or prohibitions after 6 weeks of pregnancy, before many women know they are pregnant.

In roughly a half-dozen other states, the fight will be over dormant abortion bans that were enacted before Roe was decided in 1973 or new proposals to sharply limit when abortions can be performed, according to Guttmacher.

In Wisconsin, which has an 1849 abortion ban on the books, Planned Parenthood immediately halted all scheduled abortions at its clinics in Madison and Milwaukee following the high court's ruling.

The decision came against a backdrop of public opinion surveys that find a majority of Americans oppose overturning Roe and handing the question of whether to permit abortion entirely to the states. Polls conducted by The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research and others also have consistently shown about 1 in 10 Americans want

abortion to be illegal in all cases. A majority are in favor of abortion being legal in all or most circumstances, but polls indicate many also support restrictions especially later in pregnancy.

The Biden administration and other defenders of abortion rights have warned that a decision overturning Roe also would threaten other high court decisions in favor of gay rights and even potentially, contraception.

The liberal justices made the same point in their joint dissent: The majority “eliminates a 50-year-old constitutional right that safeguards women’s freedom and equal station. It breaches a core rule-of-law principle, designed to promote constancy in the law. In doing all of that, it places in jeopardy other rights, from contraception to same-sex intimacy and marriage. And finally, it undermines the Court’s legitimacy.”

And Thomas, the member of the court most open to jettisoning prior decisions, wrote a separate opinion in which he explicitly called on his colleagues to put the Supreme Court’s same-sex marriage, gay sex and even contraception cases on the table.

But Alito contended that his analysis addresses abortion only. “Nothing in this opinion should be understood to cast doubt on precedents that do not concern abortion,” he wrote.

Whatever the intentions of the person who leaked Alito’s draft opinion, the conservatives held firm in overturning Roe and Casey.

In his opinion, Alito dismissed the arguments in favor of retaining the two decisions, including that multiple generations of American women have partly relied on the right to abortion to gain economic and political power.

Changing the makeup of the court has been central to the anti-abortion side’s strategy, as the dissenters archly noted. “The Court reverses course today for one reason and one reason only: because the composition of this Court has changed,” the liberal justices wrote.

Mississippi and its allies made increasingly aggressive arguments as the case developed, and two high-court defenders of abortion rights retired or died. The state initially argued that its law could be upheld without overruling the court’s abortion precedents.

Then-Gov. Phil Bryant signed the 15-week measure into law in March 2018, when Justices Anthony Kennedy and Ruth Bader Ginsburg were still members of a five-justice majority that was mainly protective of abortion rights.

By early summer, Kennedy had retired and was replaced by Justice Brett Kavanaugh a few months later. The Mississippi law was blocked in lower federal courts.

But the state always was headed to the nation’s highest court. It did not even ask for a hearing before a three-judge panel of the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, which ultimately held the law invalid in December 2019.

By early September 2020, the Supreme Court was ready to consider the state’s appeal.

The court scheduled the case for consideration at the justices’ private conference on Sept. 29. But in the intervening weeks, Ginsburg died and Barrett was quickly nominated and confirmed without a single Democratic vote.

The stage now was set, although it took the court another half year to agree to hear the case.

By the time Mississippi filed its main written argument with the court in the summer, the thrust of its argument had changed and it was now calling for the wholesale overruling of Roe and Casey.

The first sign that the court might be receptive to wiping away the constitutional right to abortion came in late summer, when the justices divided 5-4 in allowing Texas to enforce a ban on the procedure at roughly six weeks, before some women even know they are pregnant. That dispute turned on the unique structure of the law, including its enforcement by private citizens rather than by state officials, and how it can be challenged in court.

Roberts was among the dissenters.

Then in December, after hearing additional arguments over whether to block the Texas law known as S.B. 8, the court again declined to do so, also by a 5-4 vote. “The clear purpose and actual effect of S. B. 8 has been to nullify this Court’s rulings,” Roberts wrote, in a partial dissent.

In their Senate hearings, Trump's three high-court picks carefully skirted questions about how they would vote in any cases, including about abortion.

But even as Democrats and abortion rights supporters predicted Kavanaugh and Gorsuch would vote to upend abortion rights if confirmed, the two left at least one Republican senator with a different impression. Sen. Susan Collins of Maine predicted Gorsuch and Kavanaugh wouldn't support overturning the abortion cases, based on private conversations she had with them when they were nominees to the Supreme Court.

**Reuters:** [U.S. Supreme Court overturns Roe v. Wade abortion landmark](#), by Lawrence Hurley and Andrew Chung

WASHINGTON, June 24 (Reuters) - The U.S. Supreme Court on Friday took the dramatic step of overturning the landmark 1973 Roe v. Wade ruling that recognized a woman's constitutional right to an abortion and legalized it nationwide, handing a momentous victory to Republicans and religious conservatives who want to limit or ban the procedure.

The court, in a 6-3 ruling powered by its conservative majority, upheld a Republican-backed Mississippi law that bans abortion after 15 weeks of pregnancy. The vote was 5-4 to overturn Roe, with Chief Justice John Roberts writing separately to say he would have upheld the Mississippi law but not taken the additional step of erasing the Roe precedent altogether.

The justices, in the ruling written by conservative Justice Samuel Alito, held that the Roe decision that allowed abortions performed before a fetus would be viable outside the womb - between 24 and 28 weeks of pregnancy - was wrongly decided because the U.S. Constitution makes no specific mention of abortion rights.

By erasing abortion as a constitutional right, the ruling restored the ability of states to ban it, fundamentally altering America's landscape on the issue of reproductive rights. Twenty-six states are either certain or considered likely to ban abortion. Mississippi is among 13 states with so-called trigger laws to ban abortion with Roe overturned.

President Joe Biden condemned the ruling, calling it a "sad day" for America and labeling the court's conservatives "extreme." He said the fight over abortion rights "is not over." Biden said his administration will protect access to contraceptives and will do everything in his power to combat efforts to restrict women from traveling to other states to obtain abortions.

A draft version of Alito's ruling indicating the court was ready to overturn Roe was leaked in May, igniting a political firestorm. Friday's ruling largely tracked this leaked draft.

"The Constitution makes no reference to abortion, and no such right is implicitly protected by any constitutional provision," Alito wrote in the ruling.

Roe v. Wade recognized that the right to personal privacy under the Constitution protects a woman's ability to terminate her pregnancy. The Supreme Court in a 1992 ruling called Planned Parenthood of Southeastern Pennsylvania v. Casey reaffirmed abortion rights and prohibited laws imposing an "undue burden" on abortion access. Friday's ruling overturned the Casey decision as well.

"Roe was egregiously wrong from the start. Its reasoning was exceptionally weak, and the decision has had damaging consequences. And far from bringing about a national settlement of the abortion issue, Roe and Casey have enflamed debate and deepened division," Alito added.

Overturning Roe was long a goal of Christian conservatives and many Republican officeholders. Opinion polls show a majority of Americans support abortion rights.

The court's three liberal justices - Stephen Breyer, Sonia Sotomayor and Elena Kagan - issued a jointly authored dissent.

"Whatever the exact scope of the coming laws, one result of today's decision is certain: the curtailment of women's rights, and of their status as free and equal citizens," they wrote.

As a result of Friday's ruling, "from the very moment of fertilization, a woman has no rights to speak of. A state can

force her to bring a pregnancy to term, even at the steepest personal and familial costs," the liberal justices added.

The ruling empowered states to ban abortion just a day after the court's conservative majority issued another decision curtailing the ability of states to enact gun restrictions. [read more](#)

Anti-abortion activists, who had gathered outside the courthouse for days, erupted in cheers after the ruling.

"I'm ecstatic," said Emma Craig, 36, of Pro Life San Francisco. "Abortion is the biggest tragedy of our generation and in 50 years we'll look back at the 50 years we've been under Roe v. Wade with shame."

House of Representatives Speaker Democrat Nancy Pelosi, a Democrat, denounced the decision, saying that a "Republican-controlled Supreme Court" has achieved that party's "dark and extreme goal of ripping away women's right to make their own reproductive health decisions."

U.S. Attorney General Merrick Garland said the Justice Department will fight to protect abortion rights and signaled legal battles to come including over pills used for medication abortion.

Justice Clarence Thomas, in a concurring opinion, urged the court to reconsider past rulings protecting the right to contraception, legalizing gay marriage nationwide and invalidating state laws banning gay sex.

Justice Brett Kavanaugh, in a concurring opinion, appeared to nix the idea advocated by a number of anti-abortion advocates that the next step is for the court to declare that the Constitution outlaws abortion nationwide. "The Constitution neither outlaws abortion nor legalizes abortion," he wrote.

Kavanaugh also said that the ruling does not let states bar residents from traveling to another state to obtain an abortion, or retroactively punish people for prior abortions.

Mississippi's law had been blocked by lower courts as a violation of Supreme Court precedent on abortion rights. Abortion is likely to remain legal in liberal states. More than a dozen states have laws protecting abortion rights. Numerous Republican-led states have passed various abortion restrictions in defiance of the Roe precedent in recent years.

Before the Roe decision, many states banned abortion, leaving women who wanted to terminate a pregnancy with few options. As a result of Friday's ruling, women with unwanted pregnancies in large swathes of America may face the choice of traveling to another state where the procedure remains legal and available, buying abortion pills online or having a potentially dangerous illegal abortion.

## **TRUMP'S APPOINTEES**

Republican former President Donald Trump as a candidate in 2016 promised to appoint justices to the Supreme Court who would reverse Roe. He appointed three conservative justices - a third of the total - during four years in office, moving the court rightward and building a 6-3 conservative majority. Trump's appointees - Justices Neil Gorsuch, Brett Kavanaugh and Amy Coney Barrett - were in the majority in Friday's ruling. [read more](#)

Asked in a Fox News interview whether he deserved some credit for the ruling, Trump said: "God made the decision."

Jackson Women's Health Organization, the only abortion clinic remaining in Mississippi, challenged the 2018 law and had the support of Biden's administration. Mississippi's law allows abortions when there is a "medical emergency" or a "severe fetal abnormality" but does not have an exception for pregnancies resulting from rape or incest.

A federal judge in 2018 struck the law down, citing the Roe precedent. The New Orleans-based 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in 2019 reached the same conclusion.

The justices in 2016 struck down a Texas law imposing strict regulations on abortion facilities and doctors. The justices in [2020](#) struck down a Louisiana law that similarly placed restrictions on doctors who perform abortions. But the court has become more conservative in recent years with the addition of three appointees made by former

President Donald Trump.

Since 2018, the court lost two champions of abortion rights. Liberal Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg died in 2020, being replaced by Barrett, who as an academic before joining the judiciary signaled support for overturning Roe.

Justice Anthony Kennedy, a conservative who sometimes sided with the liberal justices on social issues such as abortion and LGBT rights, retired in 2018 and was replaced by Kavanaugh. Kennedy was part of the majority in the 1992 decision and voted to strike down the Texas abortion restriction in 2016.

Gorsuch in 2017 replaced the late conservative Justice Antonin Scalia, who was an abortion opponent.

The number of U.S. abortions increased by 8% during the three years ending in 2020, reversing a 30-year trend of declining numbers, [according to data](#) released on June 15 by the Guttmacher Institute, a research group that supports abortion rights. [read more](#)

The U.S. abortion rate peaked in 1980, seven years after the Roe ruling, at 29.3 abortions per 1,000 women of child-bearing age - 15-44 - and stood at 13.5 per 1,000 in 2017 before increasing to 14.4 per 1,000 women by 2020. In 2020, there were 930,160 U.S. abortions, with 20.6% of pregnancies ending in abortion in 2020, up from 18.4% in 2017. Mississippi experienced a 40% increase in abortions performed from 2017 to 2020.

Globally, abortion rights generally have been increasing. The U.N. World Health Organization said around [73 million abortions](#) take place globally each year, including 29% of all pregnancies.

**New York Times:** [Live Updates: Supreme Court Overturns Roe v. Wade in Landmark Decision; States Move to Ban Abortion](#), by Katie Benner

Attorney General Merrick B. Garland said in a statement that the Supreme Court has dealt “a devastating blow to reproductive freedom in the United States,” by issuing a decision that both infringes on the rights of women and upends the longstanding principle that courts are to respect precedents.

Mr. Garland said that in states that still allow abortions, the Justice Department would continue to protect healthcare providers and individuals seeking reproductive health services from harassment at clinics. He said that the department would allow federal agencies in some circumstances to continue to provide reproductive health services. And he vowed to work with other federal agencies to protect and preserve access to reproductive care, noting that the FDA has approved the use of the medication Mifepristone for medical abortions.

**Wall Street Journal:** [Attorney General Lays Out Justice Department’s Red Lines After Ruling](#), by Aruna Viswanatha

Attorney General Merrick Garland said the Justice Department strongly disagreed with the Dobbs decision and outlined several red lines the agency believed states couldn’t cross in banning abortion.

In a statement Friday morning, Mr. Garland said states couldn’t restrict a woman’s ability to travel to another state to obtain an abortion, nor ban federally approved medication that terminates a pregnancy.

In particular, Mr. Garland said states couldn’t ban the use of mifepristone based on any disagreements they may have with the Food and Drug Administration’s expert judgment about the drug.

He also said that federal agencies could continue to provide “reproductive health services” authorized by federal law, and federal employees couldn’t be held liable for doing so.

“This decision deals a devastating blow to reproductive freedom in the United States. It will have an immediate and irreversible impact on the lives of people across the country,” Mr. Garland said, adding: “The Justice Department will use every tool at our disposal to protect reproductive freedom.”

[CBS: Attorney General Merrick Garland pledges Justice Department will use "every tool at our disposal to protect reproductive freedom", by Melissa Quinn](#)

Attorney General Merrick Garland denounced the decision from the Supreme Court, saying in a statement that by ending the constitutional right to an abortion, the majority "upended the doctrine of stare decisis," or fidelity to

precedent.

"The Justice Department strongly disagrees with the court's decision," he said. "This decision deals a devastating blow to reproductive freedom in the United States. It will have an immediate and irreversible impact on the lives of people across the country. And it will be greatly disproportionate in its effect with the greatest burdens felt by people of color and those of limited financial means."

Still, Garland said states retain the ability to legalize abortion within their boundaries, and the Constitution can still limit states' power to ban reproductive services that are provided outside their borders.

"We recognize that traveling to obtain reproductive care may not be feasible in many circumstances. But under bedrock constitutional principles, women who reside in states that have banned access to comprehensive reproductive care must remain free to seek that care in states where it is legal," he said. "Moreover, under fundamental First Amendment principles, individuals must remain free to inform and counsel each other about the reproductive care that is available in other states."

Garland made clear that peacefully protesting is protected under the First Amendment, but the Justice Department "will not tolerate" violence and threats of violence. He also reiterated that the department supports efforts in Congress to enshrine the right to an abortion into federal law and other legislative efforts to ensure access to reproductive services.

He also noted that the [medication Mifepristone](#) may be used to terminate a pregnancy after 10 weeks gestation and has been approved by the Food and Drug Administration, and it may not be banned by states "based on disagreement with the FDA's expert judgment about its safety and efficacy."

"Few rights are more central to individual freedom than the right to control one's own body," he said. "The Justice Department will use every tool at our disposal to protect reproductive freedom. And we will not waver from this Department's founding responsibility to protect the civil rights of all Americans."

**CNN:** [US Attorney General Garland says DOJ "strongly disagrees" with SCOTUS decision](#), by Adrienne Vogt, Aditi Sangal, Elise Hammond, Meg Wagner and Veronica Rocha

Attorney General Merrick Garland said the Justice Department disagrees with the Supreme Court's decision to overturn *Roe v. Wade*.

"The Supreme Court has eliminated an established right that has been an essential component of women's liberty for half a century a right that has safeguarded women's ability to participate fully and equally in society. And in renouncing this fundamental right, which it had repeatedly recognized and reaffirmed, the Court has upended the doctrine of *stare decisis*, a key pillar of the rule of law," according to the statement from Garland.

"The Justice Department strongly disagrees with the Court's decision. This decision deals a devastating blow to reproductive freedom in the United States. It will have an immediate and irreversible impact on the lives of people across the country. And it will be greatly disproportionate in its effect with the greatest burdens felt by people of color and those of limited financial means," he said.

Garland reiterated that the decision today does not ban states to keep abortion legal within their borders.

"We recognize that traveling to obtain reproductive care may not be feasible in many circumstances. But under bedrock constitutional principles, women who reside in states that have banned access to comprehensive reproductive care must remain free to seek that care in states where it is legal. Moreover, under fundamental First Amendment principles, individuals must remain free to inform and counsel each other about the reproductive care that is available in other states," he said.

"Advocates with different views on this issue have the right to, and will, voice their opinions. Peacefully expressing a view is protected by the First Amendment. But we must be clear that violence and threats of violence are not. The Justice Department will not tolerate such acts," he continued.

The DOJ "will work tirelessly to protect and advance reproductive freedom" and "strongly supports efforts by Congress

to codify Americans' reproductive rights," according to his statement.

**CNBC:** [Roe v Wade: U.S. Attorney General Garland says DOJ 'strongly disagrees' with Supreme Court ruling](#), by Lauren Feiner

U.S. Attorney General Merrick Garland tried to ward off violent protests to the [Supreme Court's ruling Friday](#) overturning its landmark abortion decision *Roe v Wade*, asking protestors to remain peaceful.

"Advocates with different views on this issue have the right to, and will, voice their opinions," Garland said in a statement. "Peacefully expressing a view is protected by the First Amendment. But we must be clear that violence and threats of violence are not. The Justice Department will not tolerate such acts."

He said the agency "strongly disagrees" with the court's ruling and will "work tirelessly to protect and advance reproductive freedom."

"The Supreme Court has eliminated an established right that has been an essential component of women's liberty for half a century a right that has safeguarded women's ability to participate fully and equally in society," Garland said. "And in renouncing this fundamental right, which it had repeatedly recognized and reaffirmed, the Court has upended the doctrine of *stare decisis*, a key pillar of the rule of law."

Garland said Justice "strongly disagrees with the Court's decision" which "deals a devastating blow to reproductive freedom in the United States."

He noted that it's impact would disproportionately impact people of color and those with the least financial means. The Justice Department will continue to protect the right to an abortion in states where access was still legal, he said.

While travelling for healthcare may not always be possible, "women who reside in states that have banned access to comprehensive reproductive care must remain free to seek that care in states where it is legal," he said.

He added that people should remain "free to inform and counsel each other about the reproductive care that is available in other states" under First Amendment principles.

The DOJ will work with other agencies like the Food and Drug Administration "that seek to use their lawful authorities to protect and preserve access to reproductive care." Garland noted the FDA has approved the use of Mifepristone, an drug used to induce abortion safely at home, and said states cannot ban the drug "based on disagreement with the FDA's expert judgment about its safety and efficacy."

"The Justice Department will use every tool at our disposal to protect reproductive freedom," Garland said. "And we will not waver from this Department's founding responsibility to protect the civil rights of all Americans."

**Bloomberg Law:** [Garland Says DOJ Will Protect Right to Get Abortion Out-of-State](#), by Chris Strohm

Attorney General Merrick Garland said the Supreme Court dealt "a devastating blow to reproductive freedom" by overturning *Roe v. Wade* but said the Justice Department will protect the right to seek abortions across state lines.

"We recognize that traveling to obtain reproductive care may not be feasible in many circumstances," Garland said in a statement. "But under bedrock constitutional principles, women who reside in states that have banned access to comprehensive reproductive care must remain free to seek that care in states where it is legal."

The attorney general said the Justice Department will protect both individuals seeking abortions out-of-state and those who provide them. He also said people had a First Amendment right to inform and counsel each other about reproductive care across state lines.

A number of states have suggested their laws banning abortions will also target out-of-state providers, including those who ship abortion pills like Mifepristone. Garland noted that the Food and Drug Administration has approved Mifepristone, and said states could not ban it based on disagreement with the FDA's judgment.

"The Constitution continues to restrict states' authority to ban reproductive services provided outside their borders," Garland said.

Though he said the "Justice Department strongly disagrees with the Court's decision" and urged Congress to codify abortion rights, the attorney general also said any protests should remain peaceful.

"Peacefully expressing a view is protected by the First Amendment," Garland said. "But we must be clear that violence and threats of violence are not. The Justice Department will not tolerate such acts."

**Insider:** [AG Merrick Garland on Roe V. Wade Decision: 'a Devastating Blow'](#), by Ryan Barber

Attorney General Merrick Garland on Friday sharply condemned the Supreme Court's decision to overturn *Roe v. Wade*, saying the justices had dealt a "devastating blow to reproductive freedom in the United States" by eliminating the constitutional right to an abortion.

In a prepared statement, Garland stressed that the Justice Department disagreed with the decision and predicted that it

"will have an immediate and irreversible impact on the lives of people across the country."

"And it will be greatly disproportionate in its effect with the greatest burdens felt by people of color and those of limited financial means," he added.

Garland's comment came within hours of the Supreme Court overruling *Roe v. Wade*, eliminating the constitutional right to an abortion after almost a half-century. The decision, in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*, is expected to lead to all but total bans on abortion in about half the states.

In the immediate aftermath of the ruling, Democrats including House Speaker Nancy Pelosi reupped their calls for passing legislation to codify abortion rights. Garland on Friday said the Justice Department supports those legislative efforts and emphasized that the Supreme Court's decision would not eliminate the right of states to keep abortion legal within their borders.

"We recognize that traveling to obtain reproductive care may not be feasible in many circumstances," Garland said.

"But under bedrock constitutional principles, women who reside in states that have banned access to comprehensive reproductive care must remain free to seek that care in states where it is legal.

A former federal appellate judge, Garland also addressed how the Supreme Court had broken with its customary practice of heeding precedent in overturning *Roe v. Wade*. In "renouncing this fundamental right, which it had repeatedly recognized and reaffirmed, the court has upended the doctrine of *stare decisis*, a key pillar of the rule of law," he said.

Years before his confirmation to lead the Justice Department, Garland was nominated in 2016 to succeed the late Justice Antonin Scalia on the Supreme Court, but Republicans refused to hold confirmation hearings or a vote. Garland then remained in the powerful US Court of Appeals for the DC Circuit.

His confirmation would have flipped a Supreme Court seat from a Republican- to a Democrat-appointed justice.

But the Republicans' blockade on his nomination and Donald Trump's election in 2016 led to the conservatives instead expanding their majority on the Supreme Court.

In their dissenting opinion, Justices Stephen Breyer, Sonia Sotomayor and Elena Kagan attributed the *Dobbs* decision directly to the changed composition of the Supreme Court.

"The court reverses today for one reason and one reason only: because the composition of this court has changed," they wrote.

Referring to the doctrine of heeding past decisions, the justices continued: "Stare decisis, this court has often said, 'contributes to the actual and perceived integrity of the judicial process' by ensuring that decisions are 'founded in the law rather than in the proclivities of individuals.' Today, the proclivities of individuals rule."

"The Court departs from its obligation to faithfully and impartially apply the law," they added. "We dissent."

**Axios:** [AG Merrick Garland says states can't ban FDA-approved abortion pills](#), by Jacob Knutson

Attorney General Merrick Garland said in a statement Friday, in the wake of the Supreme Court's [decision to overturn \*Roe v. Wade\*](#), that states [cannot ban mifepristone](#), a medication that is used to bring about an abortion.

**Why it matters:** With *Roe* overturned, prescribed drugs that terminate pregnancies are likely to become the [next major contention](#) between abortion rights activists and opponents of abortion rights.

- Already, almost half of U.S. states have banned or tightly restricted abortion pills — two medicines named mifepristone and misoprostol — and more could soon follow suit, [Axios' Oriana Gonzalez Ashley Gold and Jacque Schrag report](#).

**How it works:** The pills for a medication abortion, mifepristone and misoprostol, have been approved by the Food and Drug Administration for use in the first 10 weeks of pregnancy.

- The agency in December lifted long-standing restrictions on mifepristone, allowing doctors to prescribe the medication online and send them to patients by mail.
- Misoprostol was available with a prescription before the FDA's decision.

**Despite the changes,** many states have moved to make it illegal for doctors to mail the medications.

- For example, Louisiana Gov. John Bel Edwards (D) [signed a law](#) in June making it illegal for anyone to mail abortion pills, punishable by up to five years in prison and a \$50,000 fine.

**What they're saying:** "The Department strongly supports efforts by Congress to codify Americans' reproductive rights, which it retains the authority to do. We also support other legislative efforts to ensure access to comprehensive reproductive services," Garland said in the statement Friday.

- "And we stand ready to work with other arms of the federal government that seek to use their lawful authorities to protect and preserve access to reproductive care," he added.
- "In particular, the FDA has approved the use of the medication Mifepristone. States may not ban Mifepristone based on disagreement with the FDA's expert judgment about its safety and efficacy."

**Yes, but:** It is far from settled law as to whether states can ban the pills, and the issue will likely have to be litigated in the courts, though there's really no clear precedent, according to the [Washington Post](#).

**Axios:** [Abortion pills become central issue after SCOTUS ruling](#), by Tina Reed

The Supreme Court ruling [overturning Roe v. Wade](#) immediately pivots the fight over abortion access to state efforts to restrict medication abortions or so-called "abortion pills."

**The big picture:** The pills used to terminate a pregnancy mifepristone and misoprostol are FDA-approved for use in the first 10 weeks of pregnancy and are frequently prescribed online and mailed to patients.

- State efforts to restrict their use will pose thorny questions about how to enforce bans and challenge the notion of patients' rights, experts say.
- "During the last 50 years or more in the abortion culture wars, there has been a line drawn that punishments should be meted out against providers and not against women themselves," Lawrence Gostin, a law professor at Georgetown University told Axios. "I think we're about to cross that line."

**State of play:** Medication abortion accounted for 54% of all U.S. abortions in 2020, up from 39% in 2017, according to the [Guttmacher Institute](#).

- The FDA in December [lifted long-standing restrictions](#), making the pills more widely available, via telemedicine appointments and online prescribing that enables delivery to someone's door.

**Between the lines:** Republican states looking to limit access to the pills could encounter practical challenges and legal problems doing so.

- Experts say legal precedent holds that states don't have the authority to ban FDA-approved drugs, as was the case when Massachusetts in 2014 tried to impose an emergency ban of an opioid. A [federal judge struck down the ban](#), saying a state couldn't take a drug off the market that the FDA had deemed safe.
- Attorney General Merrick Garland weighed in after the Supreme Court ruling on Friday, saying, "States may not ban mifepristone based on disagreement with the FDA's expert judgment about its safety and efficacy."
- But that won't stop states from trying.
- Lawmakers in at least 20 states have proposed restrictions or bans on the pills, per [Pew's Stateline](#).
- They range from bans on dispensing the drugs to requirements that physicians tell patients that medication abortions can be reversed by administering doses of progesterone, a controversial option.
- Indiana last year prohibited medication abortions after 10 weeks of pregnancy, and Texas banned medication abortion after seven weeks of pregnancy, according to Stateline.
- That all could lead to legal fights over federal preemption.
- "The reason we have an FDA is to set a uniform standard for what's safe and effective and approved by our top public health regulatory agency," Gostin said. "If states were to start to undermine that, it would be catastrophic. Nonetheless, that's what some states are doing and, with this conservative Supreme Court and indeed conservative judiciaries throughout, the outcome of that is by no means certain."

**Reality check:** The efforts to ban pills will dovetail with broader state efforts to restrict abortion access now that the Supreme Court struck the federal right to the procedure. And those state laws may ultimately need to be revisited as the wider health implications become clear.

- [Health experts have warned](#) that health providers may be reluctant to intervene and help people manage miscarriages, which often use the same methods as abortions.
- Fertility services such as in vitro fertilization could also be deemed illegal in some places, depending on how states define unborn human beings and whether that applies to embryos created through the IVF process.
- Emergency contraception like Plan B and certain types of intrauterine devices could also be restricted under some state laws, Cathren Cohen, a scholar of law and policy at the UCLA Law Center [told NBC News last month](#).

"Anything that would prevent a fertilized egg from turning into a pregnancy and being born into a baby could be considered a homicide," she said, per NBC.

**Washington Times:** [Attorney General Merrick Garland warns against violence after Supreme Court's abortion ruling](#) by Alex Swoyer

Attorney General Merrick Garland said Friday that violence won't be tolerated in the wake of the high court overturning the landmark Roe v. Wade ruling, which gave women a national right to abortion but he stressed the First Amendment protects peaceful protesting.

He also encouraged Congress to codify Roe into law, saying restricting abortion in some states will impact minority and

poor women the hardest.

“The Supreme Court has eliminated an established right that has been an essential component of women’s liberty for half a century a right that has safeguarded women’s ability to participate fully and equally in society,” he said.

Mr. Garland also noted that federal workers can still help women obtain reproductive healthcare.

He said that federal agencies can provide those services in accordance with federal law.

“Federal employees who carry out their duties by providing such services must be allowed to do so free from the threat of liability. It is the Department’s longstanding position that States generally may not impose criminal or civil liability on federal employees who perform their duties in a manner authorized by federal law. Additionally, the Department’s Office of Legal Counsel has determined that federal employees engaging in such conduct would not violate the Assimilative Crimes Act and could not be prosecuted by the federal government under that law,” he said.

“The Justice Department is prepared to assist agencies in resolving any questions about the scope of their authority to provide reproductive care,” Mr. Garland added.

His comments come after progressive groups have promised revenge after the court’s ruling that upended a national right to abortion.

The justices were considering Mississippi’s state law banning abortion after 15 weeks of pregnancy in the case of *Dobbs v. Jackson Women’s Health Organization*.

Mississippi officials argued that Roe’s holding that abortion is a constitutional right should be overturned because it’s outdated. The state said the viability standard for the fetus set out in Roe was unclear, and Mississippi had an interest in banning abortions after 15 weeks to protect women’s health and that of unborn children.

The legal challenge to the restrictions was brought by Jackson Women’s Health Organization, the state’s only abortion clinic, and a doctor who provides abortions. According to court papers, the clinic had provided abortions up to 16 weeks of gestation.

They challenged the state’s Gestational Age Act, enacted in 2018. The law, which its authors intended specifically to challenge Roe’s guidelines, banned abortions after 15 weeks unless there is a medical emergency or severe abnormality in the fetus.

The abortion providers told the court in their filing that the state’s interest in the woman’s health and children doesn’t begin until viability occurs, “months” after the 15-week marker set in the law.

In the 6 to 3 ruling, the high court said the right to abortion is not explicit in the Constitution and the issue should return to state legislatures.

The deliberations inside the court were shaken last month when a draft opinion to overturn *Roe v. Wade* was leaked and published by Politico.

Pro-choice protesters, enraged by the leak, have shown up outside the houses of Chief Justice John G. Roberts Jr. and Justices Brett Kavanaugh, Amy Coney Barrett and Samuel A. Alito Jr., who authored the leaked opinion. One California man traveled to Justice Kavanaugh’s suburban Maryland home with a plan to murder him. He was stopped outside the justice’s home by authorities.

It was the first time a full draft opinion was leaked in the Supreme Court’s 233-year history.

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President Biden began speaking about the Supreme Court ruling on the Dobbs case at 12:37 p.m. ET.

His remarks were carried live.

“It just stuns me,” Mr. Biden said at one point, adding that poor women would be hit the hardest by the decision. “This is a sad day for the country in my view but it does not mean the fight is over.”

He called on Congress to restore abortion protections into law and pointed to the November midterm elections, saying, “this fall, Roe is on the ballot.”

He urged protests to be conducted peacefully and said violence is never acceptable.

“This decision must not be the final word,” Mr. Biden said.

Mr. Biden’s remarks ended at 12:49 p.m. after speaking for nearly 12 minutes. He did not respond to shouted questions about the ruling and the future of the Supreme Court.

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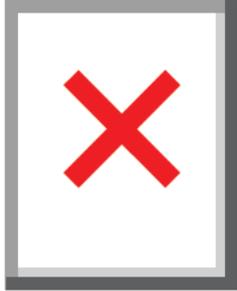
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**Breaking: The Supreme Court overturns *Roe v. Wade***, ending constitutional protection for abortion. [Get all the latest coverage from The Post.](#)



## The big idea

On Ukraine, can the alliances pass the Putin test?



Japan's Prime Minister Fumio Kishida, Canada's Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, President Biden, Germany's Chancellor Olaf Scholz, British Prime Minister Boris Johnson, France's President Emmanuel Macron and Italy's Prime Minister Mario Draghi pose for a G-7 leaders' family photo during a NATO summit on Russia's invasion of Ukraine, at the alliance's headquarters in Brussels, on March 24. (Henry Nicholas — Pool/Getty Images)

The transformed war in Ukraine, the global inflation crisis, soaring energy costs and relations with China will be atop the agenda as **President Biden** meets with leaders from NATO and the Group of Seven rich democracies on **a foreign trip that begins on Saturday**.

**When Biden last met with his peers in March, the allies formed a united front**, imposing unprecedented sanctions on Russia over its newly expanded invasion of Ukraine and shoring up NATO's military posture, while the president memorably declared **Russian President Vladimir Putin** "cannot remain in power."

**But delight over Ukraine's unexpected early battlefield successes has turned to concern** as Moscow refocused on the country's eastern Donbas region and the conflict turned into an artillery-driven war of attrition, giving the edge to Russia's heavy equipment and raw numbers.

Here are four things to watch while Biden is in Europe:

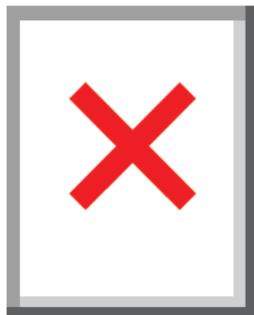
- 1. Let's call it "The Putin Test"**

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## Working together for more affordable care



The tax credits that 13 million people currently receive to help lower premiums are set to expire. Blue Cross and Blue Shield companies are working with Congress to [ensure everyone has access to affordable care](#) for the health of America.

Biden's big foreign policy principle is that democracies can deliver just as well as autocracies — but have to prove this to their people. That's one of the things in play with Russia's war in Ukraine.

Back in May, **Director of National Intelligence Avril Haines** told Congress Putin was girding for a “prolonged conflict.” U.S. officials have spoken of a fight dragging on potentially for years.

But Haines also noted this: **“Putin** most likely also judges that Russia has a greater ability and willingness to endure challenges than his adversaries and he **is probably counting on U.S. and E.U. resolve to weaken as food shortages, inflation, energy prices, get worse.”**

So the first thing to watch is how unified the allies remain. In a preview of the G-7 summit, Biden aides teased the prospect of the group agreeing on a new batch of sanctions on Russia and potential new action to rein in European dependence on Moscow's energy exports.

**Biden heads to Europe weaker than he was in March**, never mind his June 2021 meetings with leaders from NATO and the G-7 followed by a summit with Putin. Democrats fear a drubbing in November's midterm elections.

**But he's not the only one.** Earlier this month, **British Prime Minister Boris Johnson** [survived a no-confidence vote](#) by a margin that wasn't exactly confidence-boosting. And **French President Emmanuel Macron** romped to reelection in April but last week [lost his absolute majority](#) in the legislature, forcing him to form a governing coalition and endangering his agenda.

## 2. How do you solve a problem like inflation?

Like the pandemic before it, **inflation** is an international, national and local phenomenon. U.S. media coverage of eroding purchasing power tends to keep its focus at home, but **it's really a global phenomenon**.

Like Biden, other world leaders face something of a conundrum, in that they don't have much power to rein it in but face mounting political pressure to do something, anything to pull soaring prices to earth.

Sure, the war made things worse, notably in the form of gas prices rocketing upward, with food prices threatening to be close behind. **But rising costs predated Putin's fateful February decision.**



What will the G-7 leaders do to show they're serious about the problem?

### 3. Progress on getting Sweden and Finland into NATO

This one comes down to Turkey. **The 30-member alliance requires every country to agree on admitting a new member** — otherwise, the mutual-defense promise at the heart of NATO, that an attack on one is an attack on all, would ring pretty hollow.

Turkey — which recently said the upcoming summit in Spain is not a deadline — has opposed membership for Sweden and Finland, accusing both of supporting Kurdish fighters Ankara regards as terrorists, and angry Helsinki and Stockholm won't sell arms to **President Recep Tayyip Erdogan's** government.

From Biden on down, senior U.S. officials have been in touch with Turkish counterparts to try to break the logjam. **A deal next week seems like a very long shot, but the summit will be an opportunity for leader-to-leader diplomacy.** Let's see how it goes.

### 4. What's Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky going to say?

Zelensky will address both summits virtually. The former actor has galvanized international support for Ukraine. And he hasn't been shy about complaining of arms deliveries that are too limited or too slow, and pushing America and its allies to step up economic support.

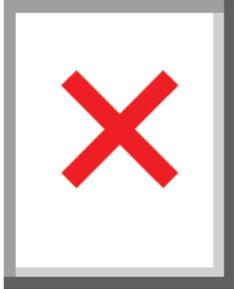
**With the war in a kind of bloody stalemate, what will he ask of leaders at each summit?** Zelensky has rejected calls to resume negotiations with Moscow and any suggestion Ukraine accept Russian territorial gains since Feb. 24 as the price of peace.

**But there are signs Europeans are growing impatient and increasingly worried about the economic fallout from the war.** And that could change what sort of reception he gets for any new requests or complaints (no matter how justified).



## What's happening now

Supreme Court strikes down *Roe v. Wade*



“The Supreme Court on Friday overturned the fundamental right to abortion established nearly 50 years ago in *Roe v. Wade*, **a stunning reversal that leaves states free to drastically reduce or even outlaw a procedure that abortion rights groups said is key to women’s equality and independence,**” Robert Barnes, Ann E. Marimow, John Wagner and Mariana Alfaro report.



**Justice Samuel A. Alito Jr.**

“*Roe* was egregiously wrong from the start. Its reasoning was exceptionally weak, and the decision has had damaging consequences. And far from bringing about a national settlement of the abortion issue, *Roe* and *Casey* have enflamed debate and deepened division. It is time to heed the Constitution and return the issue of abortion to the people’s elected representatives.”

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### More key updates:

- What could follow: Thomas suggests court reconsider contraception, same-sex marriage rulings
- What the polling says: Court decision likely to be unpopular with most Americans
- ‘Deeply disappointed’: Manchin says he’d support legislation to codify *Roe* into law

House poised to send gun legislation to Biden in response to mass shootings

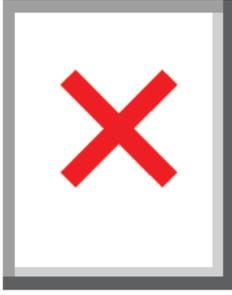
**“Today, the House is poised to pass and send to President Biden legislation that aims to stanch mass gun violence through modest new firearms restrictions and mental health and school security funding.**

While the bill includes the most significant new gun restrictions since the mid-1990s, its expected passage comes amid the controversy over Thursday’s Supreme Court decision that will probably make it easier to carry guns in many of the nation’s largest cities,” John Wagner and Mariana Alfaro report.

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## ✘ **Lunchtime reads from The Post**

Roe’s demise marks new phase in state-by-state battle over abortion



Abortion rights demonstrators protest outside the United States Supreme Court on Friday. (Eve yn Hockstein/Reuters)

“The tremors from Friday’s sweeping Supreme Court decision to strike down *Roe v. Wade* will ripple across the country almost immediately, with roughly half of all states poised to ban or drastically restrict abortion,” [Caroline Kitchener reports](#).

**“Thirteen states will outlaw abortion within 30 days with ‘trigger bans’ that were designed to take effect as soon as *Roe* was overturned.** These laws make an exception for cases where the mother’s life is in danger, but most do not include exceptions for rape or incest.”

## U.S. monkeypox response mirrors early coronavirus missteps, experts say

“Public health experts, including within the Biden administration, are increasingly concerned that the federal government’s handling of the largest-ever U.S. monkeypox outbreak is mirroring its cumbersome response to the coronavirus pandemic 2½ years ago, with potentially dire consequences,” [Lena H. Sun, Dan Diamond and Fenit Nirappil report](#).

“As a result, they said, **community transmission is occurring largely undetected, and the critical window in which to control the outbreak is closing quickly.**”

## Echoes of Watergate: Trump’s appointees reveal his push to topple Justice Dept.

“In a series of striking moments, nationally televised to millions, the damning testimony from the nation’s top law enforcement officials was the closest that the investigation has come to events that unfolded a half-century ago in the Watergate scandal,” [Michael Kranish and Rosalind S. Helderman report](#).

“Instead of White House tapes, there were the handwritten notes and fly-on-the-wall testimony about Oval Office conversations by **[Richard] Donoghue**, former acting attorney general **Jeffrey Rosen** and others. Instead of President **Richard M. Nixon**’s White House counsel warning that there was a ‘cancer on the presidency,’ there was an account of Trump White House Counsel **Pat Cipollone** saying that an effort to overturn the election was like a ‘murder-suicide pact’ that would affect everyone involved.”

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## ... and beyond

**\$53.3 Million. 33 Jobs. No Plan. That’s How Mississippi Lawmakers Are Spending BP Oil Spill Money.**

“The money that legislators sent to Gautier is part of a \$750 million settlement paid by BP to compensate the state for the economic damage caused by the 2010 oil spill. Coastal Mississippi business leaders hoped the money would be used to transform the Gulf Coast economy, attracting new industries, creating jobs and lifting wages in communities dominated by low-paying service jobs,” the **Sun Herald's** Anita Lee reports in a collaboration with **ProPublica**.

**“But Mississippi’s Gulf Coast Restoration Fund is failing to meet any conventional measure of success for an economic development program, a joint investigation by the Sun Herald and ProPublica found.”**

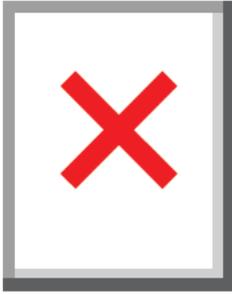
‘Unwilling to accept defeat’: How Sinema and Murphy clinched guns deal for Dems

“The Senate’s Thursday night passage of its bipartisan gun safety bill marked a seminal moment for a Democratic Party that pushed through background check mandates in 1993’s Brady Bill but has struggled ever since to reassemble that coalition. **Behind this year’s effort is a duo who reflects their party’s ascendant Generation X as well as the future of the caucus: a coalition of stalwart liberals and Sun Belt moderates,**” **Politico's Burgess Everett and Marianna Levine report.**

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✘ **The Biden agenda**

Biden limps to G-7 as allies fret over his troubles at home



President Biden holds a wind turbine size comparison chart while meeting with governors, labor leaders and private companies launching the Federal-State Offshore Wind Implementation Partnership in the Roosevelt Room of the White House on Thursday. (Shawn Thew/EPA/Bloomberg News)

“German Chancellor **Olaf Scholz**, who will welcome G-7 leaders in the Bavarian Alps, views Biden as a driving force in sustaining pressure on Moscow and believes that unity among allies could fray once again if Republicans win back the White House in 2024, according to a German government official who requested anonymity to discuss internal thinking,” [Bloomberg News's Jordan Fabian and Jenny Leonard report.](#)

**Biden said the G-7 would counter Chinese influence. This year, he'll try again**

“Since then, his advisers have worked on the initiative, mostly without fanfare. There has been little tangible progress to herald. But at this year's G-7 summit, which begins Sunday in Germany, Biden plans to relaunch the effort — under a new name — and put forth some initial projects to show how the plan will work,” [NPR's Tamara Keith reports.](#)

**Education Dept. to cancel \$6 billion in debt for defrauded borrowers**

“Under the proposed settlement, the department will immediately approve thousands of applications filed by people who claimed they were defrauded by their colleges, resolving a three-year-old case between the government and borrowers,” [Lauren Lumpkin reports.](#)

**Gavin Newsom jumps onto the national stage and Bidenworld takes notice**

“Newsom has stressed that he isn't challenging President Joe Biden — either on his stewardship of their party or as a candidate in two years ... But taken together, the moves have been widely interpreted as a relatively young executive using the specter of a future presidential bid to shine a bright spotlight on himself. **And they've been enough to elicit early brushbacks from allies of Biden and Harris,**” [Politico's Christopher Cadelago and David Siders report.](#)

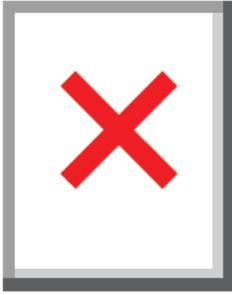
**Biden's pick for NATO chief confirmed**

“Army Gen. **Christopher Cavoli** was confirmed Thursday evening as the U.S. and European allies work to help Ukraine blunt Russia’s offensive and NATO looks to expand to include Sweden and Finland in the wake of Russian President Vladimir Putin’s invasion,” [Politico's Connor O'Brien reports](#).

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## ✖ **Which states are likely to ban abortion, visualized**

“**Without [Roe's] landmark precedent in place, the national abortion landscape will change quickly.** First, 13 states with ‘trigger bans,’ designed to take effect as soon as *Roe* is overturned, [will ban abortion within 30 days](#). Several other states where recent antiabortion legislation has been blocked by the courts are expected to act next, with lawmakers moving to activate their dormant legislation. A handful of states also have pre-Roe abortion bans that could be brought back to life,” [Caroline Kitchener, Kevin Schaul, N. Kirkpatrick, Daniela Santamariña and Lauren Tierney report](#).



## Hot on the left

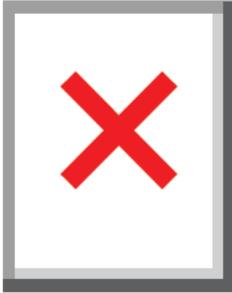
Liz Cheney aims to recruit crossover Democrats in her primary

“Rep. **Liz Cheney**, the Wyoming Republican fighting for political survival after clashing with former president Donald Trump, has started sending Democrats instructions on how to switch parties and vote for her, underscoring an urgent effort to try to overcome serious vulnerabilities ahead of an August primary,” [Hannah Knowles, Paul Kane and Mariana Alfaro report.](#)



## Hot on the right

Rudy Giuliani's pitch to New York: Hire my son



Andrew Giuliani, son of former New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani, appears on screen during New York's Republican gubernatorial debate at the studios of Spectrum News NY1 on Monday. (Brittany Newman/Newsday via AP, Poo)

“The 36-year-old **Andrew Giuliani**, running an underdog campaign to become the next governor, has in recent weeks deployed his famous father to far-flung corners of upstate New York with a message for Republican primary voters: My kid is the next big thing. That has kept the first-time candidate firmly at the center of attention as he seeks to pull off an upset win on Tuesday,” [Politico's Bill Mahoney reports](#).

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## ✘ **Today in Washington**

At 12:30 p.m., Biden will address the nation about the Supreme Court's decision overturning *Roe v. Wade*.

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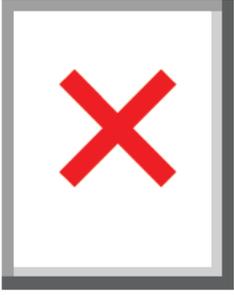
## ✘ **In closing**

After Thursday's Supreme Court ruling, Trevor Noah has some suggestions for new gun laws

**Trevor Noah**

“So this is obviously a big setback for gun safety. But if you ask me, New York just needs to get creative. Yeah, they need to think outside of the box, the same way that Texas did, right? Look at what Texas did with banning abortion — they weren't allowed to ban it, so they just made a crazy new law that basically banned it anyway. That's what New York needs to do with guns. Like, yeah, they should say, **'OK, anyone can buy a gun if they want, but the gun stores are only open on the nights that the Knicks win.'**”

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### **MORNING HEADLINES**

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- "California primary's lesson for pundits: Don't speak too soon in the age of mail-in voting" [[LAT](#)]

### **US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE NEWS**

**WaPo: [OPINION] A question for Garland: Do you know how it feels for POTUS to target you?**, Jennifer Rubin, June 22, 2022, 12:00 PM

Attorney General Merrick Garland is surely familiar with Republicans' indifference to (if not encouragement of) threats of violence directed at government officials. When he vowed to investigate threats against local officials such as school board members, Senate Republicans harangued him, falsely accusing him of labeling parents as "domestic terrorists." Republicans also objected when he vowed to look into passengers assailing airline personnel over mask rules. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**Fox: Republicans push DOJ to protect pro-life centers from 'assault' by violent activists**, Kelly Laco, June 23, 2022, 6:24 AM

House Republicans are putting pressure on the Department of Justice to take action against

violent activists who have targeted crisis pregnancy centers and places of worship in an attempt to intimidate pro-life Americans and justices. Rep. Ken Buck, R-Colo., who sits on the House Judiciary Committee, is leading Republicans in this charge, telling Fox News Digital that it is a "shame" that DOJ "will not act" and protect Supreme Court justices and pro-life centers. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**TIME: These Are the Factors Garland Is Likely Weighing as He Mulls Charging Trump**, Brian Bennett, June 22, 2022, 10:10 PM

The House committee investigating the Jan. 6 attack on the Capitol has laid out its case that Donald Trump knew he lost the 2020 election, and that he nevertheless spread lies about election fraud as part of a broad effort to overturn Joe Biden's win, pressured state election officials to change the results, orchestrated an effort to send fake electors to Washington, and used multiple tactics to persuade Vice President Mike Pence to name Trump the winner, including inciting a mob to go after him. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**KCYU-Fox (Yakima, WA): State attorneys general ask Department of Justice to investigate violence against pro-life groups**, Unattributed, June 22, 2022, 12:35 PM

The attorneys general of 19 states want the U.S. Department of Justice to investigate what they say is growing violence targeting pro-life groups nationwide. Last month, Politico published a leaked draft U.S. Supreme Court opinion, apparently revealing the nation's highest court is poised to overturn Roe v. Wade, which established abortion as a constitutional right, and Casey v. Planned Parenthood. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [WTRF-CBS/ABC \(Wheeling, WV\)](#), [WVNS-CBS/Fox \(Lewisburg, WV\)](#)

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## **NATIONAL SECURITY**

**AP: Man pleads not guilty to trying to kill Justice Kavanaugh**, Michael Kunzelman, June 22, 2022, 8:30 PM

A man who was arrested near Supreme Court Justice Brett Kavanaugh's home in Maryland earlier this month pleaded not guilty Wednesday to trying to kill Kavanaugh. Nicholas John Roske, 26, of Simi Valley, California, remained in custody after his arraignment on one count of attempting to assassinate a Supreme Court justice. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Axios](#), [CNN](#), [Fox](#), [Guardian](#), [NY Post](#), [Washington Examiner](#), [WJRT-ABC \(Flint, MI\)](#), [WSJ](#), [WUSA-CBS \(Washington, DC\)](#)

**AP: Former West Virginia lawmaker gets 3 months in Jan. 6 riot**, Alanna Durkin Richer, June 22, 2022, 3:35 PM

A former West Virginia lawmaker who livestreamed himself on Facebook storming the U.S. Capitol and cheering on what he described as a "revolution" was sentenced Wednesday to three months in prison. Derrick Evans, 37, who pleaded guilty to a felony civil disorder charge, told the judge that he regrets his actions every day and is a "good person who unfortunately was caught up in a moment." [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [NBC](#), [Washington Examiner](#), [WaPo](#)

**AP: Decades later, 'Torso Killer' charged in killing at NY mall**, Michael Balsamo, June 22, 2022, 2:59 PM

More than five decades after Diane Cusick's lifeless body was discovered in the parking lot of a mall on New York's Long Island, authorities have linked her death to the so-called "Torso Killer," a serial killer already convicted in 11 other killings. The suspect, Richard Cottingham — believed to be one of America's most prolific serial killers — was arraigned Wednesday

on a second-degree murder charge in connection with Cusick's 1968 killing. From a hospital bed in New Jersey, where he's already serving a life sentence for other killings, Cottingham pleaded not guilty. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**Reuters: U.S. judge agrees to postpone Proud Boys trial amid Jan. 6 Capitol riot hearings**, Sarah N. Lynch, June 22, 2022, 2:33 PM

A federal judge on Wednesday postponed the trial for leaders of the Proud Boys facing seditious conspiracy charges for their role in storming the U.S. Capitol, amid fears that revelations during recent congressional hearings could taint the jury pool.

U.S. District Judge Timothy Kelly set a new trial date of Dec. 12, after prosecutors and attorneys for three of the Proud Boys defendants requested a delay. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Guardian](#), [NBC](#), [USA Today](#), [WaPo](#), [WSJ](#)

**Reuters: U.S. seeks probe of Trump-allied lawyer's funding of Oath Keepers defense**, Sarah N. Lynch, June 22, 2022, 1:24 PM

U.S. prosecutors asked a judge on Wednesday to launch an ethics inquiry into whether defense lawyers for prominent members of the right-week Oath Keepers are improperly allowing an attorney closely allied with former President Donald Trump to help pay their legal fees. The Justice Department's court filing cited media reports alleging that the legal fees for Oath Keepers leader Stewart Rhodes are being paid by Defending the Republic, an entity controlled by Sidney Powell, an attorney who played a key role in Trump's attempt to overturn his election defeat. The group is also paying fees for Oath Keeper defendants Kelly Meggs, Connie Meggs and Kenneth Harrelson, it said. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Courthouse News](#), [The Hill](#), [National Law Journal](#), [WaPo](#)

**Reuters: Russian cyber spies attack Ukraine's allies, Microsoft says**, Zeba Siddiqui, June 22, 2022, 12:25 PM

Russian government hackers have conducted multiple cyber spy operations on countries allied with Ukraine since Moscow's February invasion of that country, Microsoft said in a report on Wednesday. "The cyber aspects of the current war extend far beyond Ukraine and reflect the unique nature of cyberspace," Microsoft President Brad Smith said in the report. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [CNN](#)

**Bloomberg: Trump Seeks to Turn Durham Case Bust Into Clinton Lawsuit Boon**, Erik Larson, June 22, 2022, 12:10 PM

The acquittal last month of a former Hillary Clinton campaign lawyer accused of lying to the FBI was a blow to Republicans who wanted to take the Russia probe down a notch. But it wasn't a total loss for Donald Trump. The former president on Tuesday night amended his March lawsuit accusing Clinton of leading a vast conspiracy against him to add details gleaned from testimony and evidence from Special Counsel John Durham's failed prosecution of longtime Democratic lawyer Michael Sussmann last month in Washington [[Continue Reading](#)]

**Washington Times: Mexican scientist gets 4-year prison term after spying in Miami for Russia**, Tom Howell Jr, June 22, 2022, 2:25 PM

A Mexican scientist has been sentenced to four years in prison for spying on "a U.S. government source" on behalf of Russia. Hector Cabrera Fuentes, 37, pleaded guilty in February to acting on behalf of a foreign government without notifying American authorities. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Daily Beast](#), [UPI](#)

## **JAN. 6 COMMITTEE**

**AP: 1/6 panel to hear of Trump's pressure on Justice Department**, Eric Tucker, June 23, 2022, 5:46 AM

The Jan. 6 committee will hear from former Justice Department officials who faced down a relentless pressure campaign from Donald Trump over the 2020 presidential election results while suppressing a bizarre challenge from within their own ranks. The hearing Thursday will bring attention to a memorably turbulent stretch at the department as Trump in his final days in office sought to bend to his will a law enforcement agency that has long cherished its independence from the White House. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [ABC](#), [CBS](#), [CNN](#), [Guardian](#), [The Hill](#), [MSNBC](#), [NBC](#), [NPR](#), [NYT](#), [Reuters](#), [USA Today](#), [VOA](#)

**AP: Ginni Thomas responds to 1/6 panel, hearings stretch to July**, Farnoush Amiri, Mary Clare Jalonick, June 22, 2022, 11:00 PM

The House's Jan. 6 committee plans to continue its public hearings into July as its investigation of the Capitol riot deepens. The chairman, Rep. Bennie Thompson, told reporters Wednesday that the committee is receiving "a lot of information" — including new documentary film footage of Donald Trump's final months in office — as its yearlong inquiry intensifies with hearings into the attack on Jan. 6, 2021, and Trump's efforts to overturn the 2020 election that Democrat Joe Biden won. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**WaPo: What to expect at Thursday's Jan. 6 committee hearing**, Devlin Barrett, June 23, 2022, 6:00 AM

The House committee investigating the Jan. 6, 2021, attack on Congress is set to hear testimony Thursday from former senior officials who resisted President Donald Trump's efforts to bend the Justice Department to his will to try to overturn the election won by Joe Biden. The 3 p.m. televised hearing will be a public airing of a high-stakes drama that played out inside the White House and Justice Department shortly before the Jan. 6 attack on Congress. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [CNN](#), [NPR](#)

**NYT: A Year Later, Some Republicans Second-Guess Boycotting the Jan. 6 Panel**, Luke Broadwater, June 22, 2022, 8:00 PM

The four hearings held in the past few weeks by the House committee investigating the Jan. 6 attack, with their clear, uninterrupted narratives about President Donald J. Trump's effort to undercut the peaceful transfer of power, have left some pro-Trump Republicans wringing their hands with regret about a decision made nearly a year ago. Representative Kevin McCarthy of California, the minority leader, chose last summer to withdraw all of his nominees to the committee — amid a dispute with Speaker Nancy Pelosi over her rejection of his first two choices — a turning point that left the nine-member investigative committee without a single ally of Mr. Trump. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**WaPo: Sen. Ron Johnson under fire over fake-electors disclosure at hearing**, Colby Itkowitz, June 22, 2022, 7:00 PM

Weeks before the Jan. 6, 2021, insurrection, Sen. Ron Johnson (R-Wis.) held a hearing on election fraud in an attempt to legitimize former president Donald Trump's false allegations of voting irregularities. Four days before the attack on the Capitol, Johnson signed a statement with nine other Republican senators that they intended to object to certifying Joe Biden's electors and demand "an emergency 10-day audit of the election." [[Continue Reading](#)]

**WaPo: Justice Dept. expands Jan. 6 probe with fresh subpoenas**, Spencer S. Hsu, Josh Dawsey and Devlin Barrett, June 22, 2022, 2:59 PM

The Justice Department's investigation of the Jan. 6 attack ratcheted up Wednesday as federal agents dropped subpoenas on people in at least two states, in what appeared to be

a widening probe of how political activists supporting President Donald Trump tried to use invalid electors to thwart Joe Biden's 2020 electoral victory. FBI officials confirmed to The Washington Post that agents conducted court authorized law enforcement activity Wednesday morning at two locations — one the address of Brad Carver, a Georgia lawyer who allegedly signed a document claiming to be a Trump elector, and another the Virginia home of Thomas Lane, who worked on the Trump campaign's efforts in Arizona and New Mexico. The FBI officials did not identify the people associated with those addresses, but public records list each of the locations as the home addresses of the men. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Daily Beast](#), [NYT](#), [Reuters](#), [Washington Examiner](#)

**WaPo: Lawmakers on Jan. 6 committee ramp up their security as threats increase,**

Amy Gardner, Josh Dawsey and Jacqueline Alemany, June 22, 2022, 12:24 PM

In the past 24 hours, there has been an uptick in the number of violent threats against lawmakers on the House select committee investigating the Jan. 6, 2021, insurrection at the U.S. Capitol, and all lawmakers on the committee are likely to receive a security detail, according to three people involved with the investigation. The committee on Tuesday held its fourth hearing, which focused on efforts by former president Donald Trump and his allies to overturn the results of the 2020 election and the resulting political violence and harassment experienced by many of those who resisted. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**NBC: Who is Jeffrey Clark? Jan. 6 panel seeks to make Trump's man at DOJ famous,**

Ryan J. Reilly, June 23, 2022, 5:01 AM

Most Americans don't know Jeffrey Clark — the environmental lawyer whom former President Donald Trump wanted to take over the Justice Department to aid his effort to overturn the 2020 election. But the House Jan. 6 committee hopes its Thursday hearing might change that. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [The Hill](#)

**NBC: Q&A: Justice reporter Ryan Reilly breaks down what we've learned from the January 6th hearings,**

Benjy Sarlin, June 22, 2022, 3:19 PM

Before the smoke even settled on the January 6th attack, NBC News Justice Reporter Ryan Reilly set out covering the legal aftermath, which has since grown to encompass hundreds of arrests, investigations, and prosecutions. He's also followed the extensive effort by online amateur sleuths to identify suspects and gather evidence alongside the official effort. With the country now taking a fresh look at the attack via the House Select Committee's hearings, we asked Reilly to help put their findings in perspective. Here's our conversation, edited for length and clarity. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**Guardian: January 6 panel to focus on Trump's relentless pressure on justice department,**

Hugo Lowell, June 22, 2022, 7:01 PM

Donald Trump pressured top justice department officials to falsely declare that the 2020 election was corrupt and launch investigations into discredited claims of fraud as part of an effort to return him to office, the House January 6 select committee will say on Thursday. The panel investigating the Capitol attack is expected at its fifth hearing to focus on how Trump abused the power of the presidency to twist the justice department into endorsing false election claims – and potentially how the Republican congressman Scott Perry sought a pardon for his involvement. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**The Hill: Jan. 6 committee delays hearing schedule until July,**

Rebecca Beitsch, June 22, 2022, 2:10 PM

The House committee investigating the Jan. 6, 2021, attack on the Capitol is pressing pause on its hearings for next week and picking them up again in July. Rep. Bennie Thompson (D-

Miss.), the chairman of the committee, told reporters Wednesday that the committee would hold off on the two final hearings it had planned for this month. [[Continue Reading](#)]

## **CRIMINAL LAW**

*Reuters:* **Maxwell deserves 30- to 55-year prison term - U.S. prosecutors**, Luc Cohen, June 23, 2022, 5:00 AM

Ghislaine Maxwell should be sentenced to between 30 and 55 years in prison after being convicted of helping the sex offender and globetrotting financier Jeffrey Epstein sexually abuse teenage girls, U.S. prosecutors said on Wednesday. Maxwell, 60, was convicted in December by a federal jury on five charges, including sex trafficking, for recruiting and grooming four girls between 1994 and 2004 for sexual encounters with Epstein, then her boyfriend. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [NBC](#)

*AP:* **Motocross instructor with Indiana business indicted on federal child porn charges**, Unattributed, June 22, 2022, 4:00 PM

Federal officials say a motocross instructor who visited states from New York to Georgia has been charged with producing child pornography. The Justice Department says Ryan Meyung, 30, is accused of engaging six minors in sexually explicit conduct to produce sexual abuse images and with transporting and possessing images of child sexual abuse. [[Continue Reading](#)]

*Reuters:* **Former Tallahassee mayor, Florida governor candidate Gillum indicted for fraud**, Sarah N. Lynch, June 22, 2022, 11:47 AM

The U.S. Justice Department on Wednesday said a federal grand jury voted to indict Tallahassee's former Democratic mayor and Florida gubernatorial candidate Andrew Gillum on charges of conspiracy, wire fraud and making false statements. Gillum, 42, is facing numerous criminal charges along with his associate, Sharon Janet Lettman-Hicks, 53, the U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Florida said. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [AP](#), [CNN](#), [KRIV-Fox \(Houston, TX\)](#), [USA Today](#), [WaPo](#), [WESH-NBC \(Orlando, FL\)](#), [WJXT-CW \(Jacksonville, FL\)](#), [WSJ](#)

*Bloomberg:* **US Says Giuliani Associate Parnas Deserves Up to 8 Years' Prison**, Robert Burnson, June 22, 2022, 10:04 PM

US prosecutors say Lev Parnas, a Florida businessman and associate of Rudy Giuliani, should spend as long as eight years in prison for crimes that included violating campaign finance laws and defrauding investors. The native of Ukraine vaulted to prominence during the first impeachment of former President Donald Trump when it was revealed that Giuliani had recruited him to help in his effort to dig up dirt on then-candidate Joe Biden and his son, Hunter. [[Continue Reading](#)]

*Law360:* **DOJ Official Confirms CCO Certs. Are New Settlement Staple**, Al Barbarino, June 22, 2022, 3:19 PM

A senior official in the U. S. Department of Justice's fraud section said Wednesday that companies can expect a new policy requiring that chief compliance officers certify agreements with the department to "most likely" be part of every new deal moving forward. Speaking at a legal industry conference, Lauren Kootman, assistant chief in the corporate enforcement, compliance and policy unit of the DOJ's fraud section, echoed prior statements from DOJ officials that the certifications are meant to "empower" CCOs, not punish them. [[Continue Reading](#)]

## **CIVIL RIGHTS**

**Reuters: Harris meets Democratic attorneys general as White House gears up for abortion ruling**, Nandita Bose, June 23, 2022, 4:57 AM

U.S. Vice President Kamala Harris will meet a group of seven Democratic attorneys general on Thursday, a White House official said, to discuss the defense to a major ruling that could dramatically curtail abortion rights in the country. The conservative-majority U.S. Supreme Court is expected to issue a decision in the coming days to overturn *Roe v. Wade*, which guaranteed the right to an abortion - potentially paving the way to about half of the 50 U.S. states banning or heavily restricting the procedure. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**Reuters: Rights groups call on Biden to negotiate for WNBA star Griner's release**, Rory Carroll, June 22, 2022, 8:53 PM

A coalition of human rights groups on Wednesday called on U.S. President Joe Biden to "make a deal" to secure the release of WNBA star Brittney Griner who has been detained in Russia for months. Griner was taken into custody at a Moscow airport on Feb. 17 when a search of her luggage allegedly revealed multiple cannabis oil vape cartridges. She could face up to 10 years in prison. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**AP: Feds want 25 years for Chauvin for violating Floyd's rights**, Amy Forliti, June 22, 2022, 8:00 PM

Federal prosecutors asked a judge on Wednesday to sentence a former Minneapolis officer to 25 years for violating the rights of George Floyd, saying Derek Chauvin's actions were cold-blooded and needless as he knelt on the Black man's neck while Floyd repeatedly said he couldn't breathe. Chauvin pleaded guilty in December to violating Floyd's rights, admitting for the first time that he kept his knee on Floyd's neck — even after he became unresponsive — resulting in Floyd's death. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**AP: Lawsuit challenges Missouri voting aid restrictions**, Unattributed, June 22, 2022, 6:00 PM

Civil rights activists sued Missouri on Wednesday over a decades-old law that prohibits volunteers from offering ballot-booth help to multiple voters who have physical disabilities or are unable to read or write. The federal lawsuit contends Missouri's limits on voter assistance violate federal voting law and should be struck down. It's the latest of dozens of voting-related lawsuits across the U.S., as election procedures have come under increased scrutiny both from those seeking to guarantee access and ensure integrity. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**AP: DOJ: Maine violates ADA in care of kids with disabilities**, Patrick Whittle, June 22, 2022, 5:00 PM

Maine unnecessarily institutionalizes youths with mental health and developmental disabilities because of a lack of sufficient community-based services that would allow them to stay in their homes, the U.S. Department of Justice said Wednesday in declaring a violation of the Americans with Disabilities Act. The Justice Department conducted its investigation after advocacy group Disability Rights Maine filed a complaint on behalf of a group of children. The rights organization said the children were not able to access community-based services, resulting in institutionalization or risk of institutionalization that violated the ADA. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [The Hill](#)

**Reuters: Law pros prevail over backlash to publishing prosecutor misconduct cases,**

Hassan Kanu, June 22, 2022, 1:09 PM

A federal court ruling last week vindicated crucial First Amendment rights and upheld the use of one of the only effective means of holding prosecutors accountable for misconduct — public exposure. A U.S. district court in Manhattan held on June 13 that a group of six law professors can freely call attention to misconduct and unaccountability in district attorneys' offices by publishing online their disciplinary complaints against prosecutors. [[Continue Reading](#)]

*Courthouse News:* **Alaska agrees to comply with 'motor voter' law**, Hillel Aron, June 22, 2022, 7:00 PM

The Justice Department announced Wednesday that it has reached an agreement with Alaska to resolve complaints that the state was not complying with certain parts of the National Voter Registration Act. Passed in 1993, the law includes a provision known as the "motor voter" law, which requires states to offer everyone who applies for or renews a driver's license the opportunity to register to vote on the same application. [[Continue Reading](#)]

## **IMMIGRATION & BORDER SECURITY**

*Reuters:* **California urges court to maintain ban on private immigrant detention**, Daniel Wiessner, June 22, 2022, 4:12 PM

California and a coalition of advocacy groups urged a U.S. appeals court on Tuesday to uphold the state's ban on privately run immigrant detention centers, but some of the judges seemed skeptical of their claim that the law only regulates businesses and not the federal government. Aimee Feinberg of the California Solicitor General's Office told an 11-member panel of the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals that the 2019 law's incidental impact on government contracting does not render it invalid. [[Continue Reading](#)]

*Forbes:* **Revelations Show Trump Immigration Policy Was Supposed To Be Harsher**, Stuart Anderson, June 23, 2022, 12:22 AM

While Donald Trump was president, reporters published shocking revelations about his administration's conduct of U.S. immigration policy. It turns out reporters missed a few items. Former Cabinet officials and others have revealed immigration policy during the Trump administration was intended to be much harsher, including placing a quarter-million soldiers on the U.S.-Mexico border, enacting crueler measures to separate families and targeting children for deportation at American schools. [[Continue Reading](#)]

*Law360:* **White House To Release Final DACA Rule In August**, Rae Varona, June 22, 2022, 10:43 PM

The Biden administration announced plans to issue a final Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals rule by August and continue its efforts to undo multiple Trump-era regulations. Here are the main immigration highlights from the administration's regulatory agenda for spring 2022. [[Continue Reading](#)]

*Law360:* **DOJ Says Trade Group Can't Join Suit Over EB-5 Visa Freeze**, Nate Beck, June 22, 2022, 6:54 PM

The U.S. Department of Justice says it would be disruptive to allow a trade group for the EB-5 program to join a lawsuit that seeks to force U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services to reverse changes to a rule allowing foreign investors to trade cash for a green card. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**Law360: Nonprofit Group Backs Axing Haitians' Border Whipping Suit**, Nicole

Rosenthal, June 22, 2022, 2:10 PM

A nonprofit organization backed the Biden administration's bid to toss a proposed class action accusing border patrol officers of whipping Haitian migrants and wrongfully denying them asylum, telling a D.C. federal court that the constitutional protections the migrants claim are overridden by COVID-19 concerns and a public health order. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**Arizona Republic: Autopsy report determines migrant was stabbed to death by CBP agent in Douglas**, Gloria Rebecca Gomez, Angela Cordoba Perez, Clara Migoya, June 22, 2022, 6:47 PM

A migrant was stabbed to death by a Customs and Border Protection agent in Douglas in late May, a Pima County medical examiner's autopsy report found. Abigail Román Aguilar, 32, a Mexican immigrant from the state of Chiapas, died on May 24 after a "use of force incident" involving an agent, the CBP said in a statement issued that day. Román Aguilar had two stab wounds in the chest and blunt force injuries including lacerations in the head and contusions in the head and extremities, according to the Pima County Medical Examiner's Office report, obtained by The Arizona Republic. [[Continue Reading](#)]

## **ANTITRUST**

**Reuters: U.S. consumer watchdog to review 'excessive' credit card late payment fees**, Katanga Johnson, June 22, 2022, 4:30 PM

The top U.S. consumer watchdog on Wednesday said it had begun a review of "excessive" credit card fees and asked card issuers for data on revenue and expenses in a bid to stamp out abuses and boost competition. The advanced notice of proposed rulemaking issued by the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) confirms a Reuters April report that the agency would scrutinize credit card fees as part of a broader crackdown on what it calls "junk fees," a catch-all for overdraft, credit card late-payment fees, bounced check fees, and other charges. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**Reuters: DOJ defends rare wage-fixing criminal case in Maine federal court**, Mike Scarcella, June 22, 2022, 12:14 PM

U.S. Justice Department lawyers on Tuesday defended their rare criminal antitrust case charging four business managers with conspiring to fix hourly rates for home healthcare support specialists in Maine and agreeing not to hire each other's workers. The government's filing in Portland federal court urged a trial judge not to dismiss the case, which was filed in January amid an ongoing federal antitrust investigation into the home health care industry. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**Bloomberg: Meta Antitrust Judge Backs TikTok, WeChat, Telegram Data Request**, Malathi Nayak, June 22, 2022, 5:10 PM

Meta Platforms Inc. won a judge's backing to obtain information from ByteDance Ltd's TikTok, Tencent Holdings Ltd's WeChat and Telegram Group Inc. to bolster its defense against an antitrust lawsuit by the US Federal Trade Commission. US District Judge James Boasberg on Wednesday wrote letters to China's Ministry of Justice seeking help with getting documentary evidence from Tencent and ByteDance, and sent a separate letter to officials in the British Virgin Islands concerning Telegram. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**Law360: DOJ Fights Bid To Duck Pandemic Wage-Fixing Charges**, Matthew Perlman, June 22, 2022, 8:39 PM

The U.S. Department of Justice is contesting a dismissal bid by operators of four Maine home health care agencies who were indicted on allegations that they conspired to fix pay rates in order to avoid competing with each other for workers during the pandemic. [[Continue Reading](#)]

## **ENVIRONMENT**

*Law360*: **EPA Delays Greenhouse Gas Regs As Court Ruling Looms**, Keith Goldberg, June 22, 2022, 10:30 PM

The Biden administration has pushed back the release of plans to regulate greenhouse gas emissions from the power sector until next year, just as the U.S. Supreme Court could limit the scope of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's climate change authority. [[Continue Reading](#)]

*Law360*: **DOI Asks 9th Circ. To Revisit Coal Mine Emissions Ruling**, Clark Mindock, June 22, 2022, 3:46 PM

The U.S. Department of the Interior has told the Ninth Circuit it went too far when rejecting the agency's process for green-lighting a Montana mine expansion project and wants a rehearing on a "narrow but important" element of the case. [[Continue Reading](#)]

*Law360*: **Boeing Says Feds Want To Break Rocket Site Cleanup Deal**, Greg Lamm, June 22, 2022, 2:59 PM

Boeing asked a Washington federal judge on Tuesday to toss the federal government's \$32 million contaminated groundwater lawsuit, saying the suit is barred under a broad hold-harmless clause in a decades-old contract to build and test rockets for NASA's moonshots. [[Continue Reading](#)]

## **FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES**

*LAT*: **Anaheim remains without a mayor following FBI political corruption probe**,

Gabriel San Román, June 22, 2022, 8:35 PM

Anaheim City Council, for a second time, failed to fill the vacancy left by former mayor Harry Sidhu, who resigned last month amid an FBI investigation into members of a self-described political 'cabal.' During a June 7 meeting, council members first grappled with an array of issues related to the fallout from the probe but couldn't decide on who to appoint, if anyone, to serve as interim mayor ahead of the November elections. [[Continue Reading](#)]

*Newsweek*: **Who is Michael McDonald? Nevada GOP Chairman Reportedly Investigated by FBI**, Khaleda Rahman, June 23, 2022, 4:50 AM

FBI agents reportedly served a search warrant on Nevada's top GOP official, who was among those subpoenaed by the House select committee investigating the January 6 attack on the U.S. Capitol. Nevada GOP Chair Michael McDonald was among more than a dozen officials who were subpoenaed by the committee earlier this year in connection with a "fake electors" scheme that sought to have representatives in battleground states say that former President Donald Trump, not Joe Biden, had won them. [[Continue Reading](#)]

*Arizona Republic (Phoenix, AZ)*: **'We have to do something': Phoenix police launch 'Gun Crime Crackdown' to combat gun violence**, Miguel Torres, June 22, 2022, 7:24 PM

A gun "crime crackdown" program will come to Phoenix this summer on the heels of the

mass shooting that killed a 14-year-old girl, Phoenix police Chief Jeri Williams announced at a Wednesday news conference. [...] "Together with the ATF, the Maricopa County Attorney's Office, the U.S. Attorney's Office, and the community, Phoenix PD is going to be laser-focused on curbing the recent rise in gun crimes in our city," Williams said. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** KPNX-NBC (Phoenix, AZ)

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## **CRIMINAL JUSTICE/CORRECTIONS**

**USA Today: 4 inmates who escaped federal prison camp in Virginia back in custody, officials said**, Bill Atkinson, June 22, 2022, 9:14 PM

All four inmates who escaped from a federal prison's satellite camp in Virginia are back in custody, the U.S. Marshals Service and Federal Bureau of Prisons announced Wednesday. Lamonte Rashawn Willis, of Suffolk, Virginia, was the final inmate to turn himself back in at the low-security satellite camp around noon Wednesday, officials said. No other details of his surrender were released. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [AP](#), [Fox](#)

## **US SUPREME COURT**

**Reuters: Most judges in survey support U.S. Supreme Court having ethics code**, Nate Raymond, June 22, 2022, 3:37 PM

Hundreds of judges nationwide believe that U.S. Supreme Court justices should be subject to an ethics code, according to a poll released Wednesday, with one saying they should set a "very high bar for the rest of us to emulate." The National Judicial College, which provides training to judges nationally, said that in a survey of more than 12,000 of its alumni, 97% of the 859 judges who responded agreed Supreme Court justices should be bound by an ethics code. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**AP: Protesters turn Supreme Court front into forum on abortion**, Jacquelyn Martin, June 22, 2022, 2:00 PM

A steady stream of protesters has turned the street in front of the Supreme Court building into an open-air forum encapsulating the fierce national debate over abortion after the leak of a draft opinion suggesting the justices would overturn *Roe v. Wade*, the 1973 landmark ruling that legalized abortion nationwide. Both supporters and foes of abortion rights have gathered during large, organized weekend marches and on weekdays when the court is scheduled to release its opinion. They march and chant; sometimes they attempt to shout the other side down. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**NYT, The Daily: [AUDIO] The Supreme Court Case That Could Doom U.S. Climate Goals**, June 23, 2022, 6:00 AM

While coming rulings on abortion and guns have garnered lots of attention, the Supreme Court is also set to make another major decision in a less-publicized suit involving climate change. The case, about how far the Environmental Protection Agency can regulate greenhouse gas emissions from power plants, could affect the way the entire government makes rules and regulations. [[Listen](#)]

**WSJ: Farmers Stick With Bayer's Roundup, Undeterred by Supreme Court Decision**, Patrick Thomas, June 22, 2022, 1:08 PM

The U.S. Supreme Court this week denied an effort by Bayer AG BAYRY -1.11% to stem thousands of lawsuits alleging its Roundup weedkiller caused cancer among landscapers and residential gardeners. On Alan Meadows's Tennessee farm, it was business as usual. As the

top U.S. court declined Tuesday to hear Bayer's appeal of a 2018 jury verdict linking the company's herbicide to non-Hodgkin lymphoma in a California plaintiff, Mr. Meadows said he was spraying the chemical on his own 4,000-acre farm, which he said he has done since the 1990s. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**NPR: [AUDIO] The Supreme Court may issue a ruling that could hurt Biden's climate change plans**, Unattributed, June 22, 2022, 4:58 PM

The U.S. Supreme Court is hearing a case that could limit the Environmental Protection Agency's ability to regulate climate-warming greenhouse gasses. [[Listen](#)]

**Washington Examiner: Senate bill would imprison Supreme Court leakers and impose \$10K fine**, Kaelan Deese, June 23, 2022, 6:00 AM

Sen. Bill Cassidy (R-LA) unveiled new legislation Thursday that would hold future Supreme Court leakers accountable with a \$10,000 fine and 10 years in prison for releasing information about pending decisions in response to last month's unprecedented leaked draft opinion that signaled the overturning of Roe v. Wade. [[Continue Reading](#)]

## **NATIVE AMERICAN AFFAIRS**

**Law360: HUD To Establish First-Ever Tribal Advisory Committee**, Caleb Symons, June 22, 2022, 8:42 PM

Federal officials plan to create a tribal advisory committee meant to strengthen relations between Native groups and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and to advise HUD on its existing regulations and housing development for those communities. [[Continue Reading](#)]

## **ADMINISTRATION**

**Reuters: Biden asks Congress for gas tax holiday to lower record pump prices**, Jarrett Renshaw and Nandita Bose, June 23, 2022, 3:47 AM

U.S. President Joe Biden on Wednesday called for a three-month suspension of the federal gasoline tax to combat record prices, but opposition from lawmakers within his own party suggests the request may never be met. American families paying much more for gasoline deserve some financial relief, Biden said as he pushed Congress to act, while commenting that a suspension of the 18.4 cents per gallon tax was not enough. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Bloomberg](#), [NBC](#)

**USA Today: Biden to meet with G7 leaders in Europe amid global economic crisis, conflict with Russia**, Francesca Chambers, June 23, 2022, 5:00 AM

Skyrocketing gas prices. Surging food costs. Markets in freefall. The international financial crisis will be front and center as President Joe Biden meets with leaders of some of the world's most advanced economies this weekend in the Bavarian Alps. Rich nations that make up the Group of Seven, or G7, will band together in an attempt to stabilize the global economy while maintaining and potentially increasing punitive actions on Russia over its war in Ukraine. [[Continue Reading](#)]

## **CONGRESS**

**Reuters: U.S. Senate poised to step forward on rare bipartisan gun legislation**, David

Morgan, June 23, 2022, 5:03 AM

The U.S. Senate is poised on Thursday for a vote to advance a bipartisan gun control bill that supporters hope will help curb the mass shootings that have rocked the country, in what could be Congress's first new limits on guns in decades. The 80-page Bipartisan Safer Communities Act would encourage states to keep guns out of the hands of those deemed to be dangerous and tighten background checks for would-be gun purchasers convicted of domestic violence or significant crimes as juveniles. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [NBC](#), [CNN](#)

**NYT: Gun Bill's Progress Reflects Political Shift, but G.O.P. Support Is Fragile**, Emily Cochrane, June 22, 2022, 7:00 PM

As Senator Joni Ernst, Republican of Iowa, weighed whether she should vote to take up a bipartisan gun reform measure, the phone lines in her offices were being flooded by constituents hoping to sway her. The calls were coming in roughly six to one, she estimated, with an urgent message: "Please do something." On Tuesday, Ms. Ernst became one of 14 Republicans to break with her party to support moving ahead with the legislation, propelling it past a Republican blockade that has thwarted years of efforts to overhaul the nation's gun laws. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**WSJ: Congress Unlikely to Heed Biden's Call for Three-Month Suspension of Gas Tax**, Tarini Parti, Amara Omeokwe and Lindsay Wise, June 22, 2022, 3:39 PM

President Biden called for a three-month suspension of federal gasoline and diesel taxes—a move that is unlikely to have the support needed to pass in Congress and one economists and business leaders say would do little to address record-high gas prices. "I fully understand that the gas tax holiday alone is not going to fix the problem, but it will provide families some immediate relief," Mr. Biden said at the White House on Wednesday. "Just a little bit of breathing room." [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [CNN](#), [NYT](#), [USA Today](#)

**Roll Call: Gun bill expands school safety spending beyond security**, Michael Macagnone, June 23, 2022, 5:00 AM

Mill Creek Township School District in Pennsylvania plans to upgrade its surveillance cameras, radios and a door monitoring system with a \$500,000 federal grant, one of hundreds awarded across the country over the past four years as part of a \$1 billion program Congress passed to address school violence. But Superintendent Ian Roberts said the grant won't cover upgrades like security vestibules on its more than 40 entrances at 10 schools, and the district can't afford that immediately. "From an infrastructure standpoint, there's still some things that are lacking in this and other districts," Roberts said. [[Continue Reading](#)]

## **NETWORK EVENING NEWS LINEUP: JUNE 22, 2022**

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

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

**NBC: Nightly News with Lester Holt**

- President Joe Biden on Wednesday called on Congress to suspend federal gasoline and diesel taxes for three months — an election-year move meant to ease financial pressures that was greeted with doubts by many lawmakers. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- The Wall Street Journal is reporting that the Food and Drug Administration is about to order Juul to stop selling its e-cigarettes. Officials began investigating Juul for targeting teens as underage vaping skyrocketed. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#)]

- Texas state Sen. Roland Gutierrez is suing the Department of Public Safety over access to records about the Uvalde school shooting. Meanwhile, Uvalde's mayor is slamming the department, saying it's keeping residents in the dark about the investigation. [[CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- The U.S. Senate took an initial step toward passing the country's first major gun-control legislation in decades on Tuesday, galvanized by two mass shootings in a nation that has long struggled to curb chronic gun violence. [[ABC](#), [NBC](#)]
- The House select committee investigating the Jan. 6, 2021, attack on the U.S. Capitol is ramping up its investigation this week as new evidence emerges, including dozens of hours of footage from filmmaker Alex Holder's upcoming three-part documentary series. [[CBS](#)]
- Cerebral, an online mental health provider, faces growing scrutiny over its prescribing practices, including a Justice Department investigation. CBS News has an exclusive interview with the company's CEO to address the concerns. [[CBS](#)]
- A nuclear scientist from Texas, who's credited with designing sensitive technology found in dozens of laser-guided weapons systems used by the U.S. military, was rescued from war-torn Ukraine. [[ABC](#)]

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## **WASHINGTON & DOJ SCHEDULE: JUNE 23, 2022**

### **DOJ**

- No scheduled events.

### **SCOTUS**

- Opinions
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### **CONGRESS**

- 9:00 AM: Senate Judiciary Committee: Executive Business Meeting.
- 10:00 AM: House Judiciary Committee: The Patent Trial and Appeal Board After 10 Years: Impact on

## **US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE NEWS**

***WaPo:* [OPINION] A question for Garland: Do you know how it feels for POTUS to target you?,**

Jennifer Rubin, June 22, 2022, 12:00 PM

Attorney General Merrick Garland is surely familiar with Republicans' indifference to (if not encouragement of) threats of violence directed at government officials. When he vowed to investigate threats against local officials such as school board members, Senate Republicans harangued him, falsely accusing him of labeling parents as "domestic terrorists." Republicans also objected when he vowed to look into passengers assailing airline personnel over mask rules. [[Continue Reading](#)]

***Fox:* Republicans push DOJ to protect pro-life centers from 'assault' by violent activists,** Kelly Laco,

June 23, 2022, 6:24 AM

House Republicans are putting pressure on the Department of Justice to take action against violent activists who have targeted crisis pregnancy centers and places of worship in an attempt to intimidate pro-life Americans and justices. Rep. Ken Buck, R-Colo., who sits on the House Judiciary Committee, is leading Republicans in this charge, telling Fox News Digital that it is a "shame" that DOJ "will not act" and protect Supreme Court justices and pro-life centers. [[Continue Reading](#)]

***Daily Beast:* Ted Cruz 'Halfway' Expects Merrick Garland to Riot After Roe Ruling,** William Vaillancourt,

June 23, 2022, 5:55 AM

If and when the Supreme Court strikes down *Roe v. Wade*, Sen. Ted Cruz (R-TX) says it won't be all that surprising to see Attorney General Merrick Garland among the rioters taking to the streets over the decision. Speaking to Sean Hannity, Cruz pointed to the civil rights protests and riots in 2020 after the killing of George Floyd by a Minneapolis police officer and said there could be more such riots after the *Roe* decision.

[[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Fox](#)

***TIME:* These Are the Factors Garland Is Likely Weighing as He Mulls Charging Trump,** Brian Bennett,

June 22, 2022, 10:10 PM

The House committee investigating the Jan. 6 attack on the Capitol has laid out its case that Donald Trump knew he lost the 2020 election, and that he nevertheless spread lies about election fraud as part of a broad effort to overturn Joe Biden's win, pressured state election officials to change the results, orchestrated an effort to send fake electors to Washington, and used multiple tactics to persuade Vice President Mike Pence to name Trump the winner, including inciting a mob to go after him. [[Continue Reading](#)]

***KCYU-Fox (Yakima, WA):* State attorneys general ask Department of Justice to investigate violence against pro-life groups,** Unattributed, June 22, 2022, 12:35 PM

The attorneys general of 19 states want the U.S. Department of Justice to investigate what they say is growing violence targeting pro-life groups nationwide. Last month, Politico published a leaked draft U.S. Supreme Court opinion, apparently revealing the nation's highest court is poised to overturn *Roe v. Wade*, which established abortion as a constitutional right, and *Casey v. Planned Parenthood*. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [WTRF-CBS/ABC \(Wheeling, WV\)](#), [WVNS-CBS/Fox \(Lewisburg, WV\)](#)

## **US ATTORNEYS**

**KTVB-NBC (Boise, ID): New US attorney for Idaho: Civil rights, hate crime enforcement is 'front and center'**, Betsy Russell, June 22, 2022, 9:02 PM

Idaho's new top federal prosecutor says civil rights and hate crime enforcement are top-of-mind for federal prosecutors both in Idaho and nationwide. "It's always been important," Josh Hurwit told the Idaho Press in an interview this week. "But with the rise in hate incidents that we've seen really starting in the pandemic, and now continuing with various groups in Idaho and around the country, obviously the tragic shooting in Buffalo put this front and center." [[Continue Reading](#)]

## **NATIONAL SECURITY**

**AP: Man pleads not guilty to trying to kill Justice Kavanaugh**, Michael Kunzelman, June 22, 2022, 8:30 PM

A man who was arrested near Supreme Court Justice Brett Kavanaugh's home in Maryland earlier this month pleaded not guilty Wednesday to trying to kill Kavanaugh. Nicholas John Roske, 26, of Simi Valley, California, remained in custody after his arraignment on one count of attempting to assassinate a Supreme Court justice. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Axios](#), [CNN](#), [Fox](#), [Guardian](#), [NY Post](#), [Washington Examiner](#), [WJRT-ABC \(Flint, MI\)](#), [WSJ](#), [WUSA-CBS \(Washington, DC\)](#)

**AP: Former West Virginia lawmaker gets 3 months in Jan. 6 riot**, Alanna Durkin Richer, June 22, 2022, 3:35 PM

A former West Virginia lawmaker who livestreamed himself on Facebook storming the U.S. Capitol and cheering on what he described as a "revolution" was sentenced Wednesday to three months in prison. Derrick Evans, 37, who pleaded guilty to a felony civil disorder charge, told the judge that he regrets his actions every day and is a "good person who unfortunately was caught up in a moment." [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [NBC](#), [Washington Examiner](#), [WaPo](#)

**AP: Decades later, 'Torso Killer' charged in killing at NY mall**, Michael Balsamo, June 22, 2022, 2:59 PM

More than five decades after Diane Cusick's lifeless body was discovered in the parking lot of a mall on New York's Long Island, authorities have linked her death to the so-called "Torso Killer," a serial killer already convicted in 11 other killings. The suspect, Richard Cottingham believed to be one of America's most prolific serial killers was arraigned Wednesday on a second-degree murder charge in connection with Cusick's 1968 killing. From a hospital bed in New Jersey, where he's already serving a life sentence for other killings, Cottingham pleaded not guilty. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**Reuters: U.S. judge agrees to postpone Proud Boys trial amid Jan. 6 Capitol riot hearings**, Sarah N. Lynch, June 22, 2022, 2:33 PM

A federal judge on Wednesday postponed the trial for leaders of the Proud Boys facing seditious conspiracy charges for their role in storming the U.S. Capitol, amid fears that revelations during recent congressional hearings could taint the jury pool.

U.S. District Judge Timothy Kelly set a new trial date of Dec. 12, after prosecutors and attorneys for three of the Proud Boys defendants requested a delay. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Guardian](#), [NBC](#), [USA Today](#), [WaPo](#), [WSJ](#)

**Reuters: U.S. seeks probe of Trump-allied lawyer's funding of Oath Keepers defense**, Sarah N. Lynch, June 22, 2022, 1:24 PM

U.S. prosecutors asked a judge on Wednesday to launch an ethics inquiry into whether defense lawyers for

prominent members of the right-week Oath Keepers are improperly allowing an attorney closely allied with former President Donald Trump to help pay their legal fees. The Justice Department's court filing cited media reports alleging that the legal fees for Oath Keepers leader Stewart Rhodes are being paid by Defending the Republic, an entity controlled by Sidney Powell, an attorney who played a key role in Trump's attempt to overturn his election defeat. The group is also paying fees for Oath Keeper defendants Kelly Meggs, Connie Meggs and Kenneth Harrelson, it said. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [Courthouse News](#), [The Hill](#), [National Law Journal](#), [WaPo](#)

**Reuters: Russian cyber spies attack Ukraine's allies, Microsoft says**, Zeba Siddiqui, June 22, 2022, 12:25 PM

Russian government hackers have conducted multiple cyber spy operations on countries allied with Ukraine since Moscow's February invasion of that country, Microsoft said in a report on Wednesday. "The cyber aspects of the current war extend far beyond Ukraine and reflect the unique nature of cyberspace," Microsoft President Brad Smith said in the report. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [CNN](#)

**Bloomberg: Trump Seeks to Turn Durham Case Bust Into Clinton Lawsuit Boon**, Erik Larson, June 22, 2022, 12:10 PM

The acquittal last month of a former Hillary Clinton campaign lawyer accused of lying to the FBI was a blow to Republicans who wanted to take the Russia probe down a notch. But it wasn't a total loss for Donald Trump. The former president on Tuesday night amended his March lawsuit accusing Clinton of leading a vast conspiracy against him to add details gleaned from testimony and evidence from Special Counsel John Durham's failed prosecution of longtime Democratic lawyer Michael Sussmann last month in Washington [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**Washington Times: Mexican scientist gets 4-year prison term after spying in Miami for Russia**, Tom Howell Jr, June 22, 2022, 2:25 PM

A Mexican scientist has been sentenced to four years in prison for spying on "a U.S. government source" on behalf of Russia. Hector Cabrera Fuentes, 37, pleaded guilty in February to acting on behalf of a foreign government without notifying American authorities. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [Daily Beast](#), [UPI](#)

## **JAN. 6 COMMITTEE**

**AP: 1/6 panel to hear of Trump's pressure on Justice Department**, Eric Tucker, June 23, 2022, 5:46 AM

The Jan. 6 committee will hear from former Justice Department officials who faced down a relentless pressure campaign from Donald Trump over the 2020 presidential election results while suppressing a bizarre challenge from within their own ranks. The hearing Thursday will bring attention to a memorably turbulent stretch at the department as Trump in his final days in office sought to bend to his will a law enforcement agency that has long cherished its independence from the White House. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [ABC](#), [CBS](#), [CNN](#), [Guardian](#), [The Hill](#), [MSNBC](#), [NBC](#), [NPR](#), [NYT](#), [Reuters](#), [USA Today](#), [VOA](#)

**AP: Ginni Thomas responds to 1/6 panel, hearings stretch to July**, Farnoush Amiri, Mary Clare Jalonick, June 22, 2022, 11:00 PM

The House's Jan. 6 committee plans to continue its public hearings into July as its investigation of the Capitol riot deepens. The chairman, Rep. Bennie Thompson, told reporters Wednesday that the committee is receiving "a lot of information" including new documentary film footage of Donald Trump's final months in office as its yearlong inquiry intensifies with hearings into the attack on Jan. 6, 2021, and Trump's efforts to overturn the 2020 election that Democrat Joe Biden won. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**WaPo: What to expect at Thursday's Jan. 6 committee hearing**, Devlin Barrett, June 23, 2022, 6:00 AM  
The House committee investigating the Jan. 6, 2021, attack on Congress is set to hear testimony Thursday from former senior officials who resisted President Donald Trump's efforts to bend the Justice Department to his will to try to overturn the election won by Joe Biden. The 3 p.m. televised hearing will be a public airing of a high-stakes drama that played out inside the White House and Justice Department shortly before the Jan. 6 attack on Congress. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [CNN](#), [NPR](#)

**NYT: A Year Later, Some Republicans Second-Guess Boycotting the Jan. 6 Panel**, Luke Broadwater, June 22, 2022, 8:00 PM

The four hearings held in the past few weeks by the House committee investigating the Jan. 6 attack, with their clear, uninterrupted narratives about President Donald J. Trump's effort to undercut the peaceful transfer of power, have left some pro-Trump Republicans wringing their hands with regret about a decision made nearly a year ago. Representative Kevin McCarthy of California, the minority leader, chose last summer to withdraw all of his nominees to the committee amid a dispute with Speaker Nancy Pelosi over her rejection of his first two choices a turning point that left the nine-member investigative committee without a single ally of Mr. Trump. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**WaPo: Sen. Ron Johnson under fire over fake-electors disclosure at hearing**, Colby Itkowitz, June 22, 2022, 7:00 PM

Weeks before the Jan. 6, 2021, insurrection, Sen. Ron Johnson (R-Wis.) held a hearing on election fraud in an attempt to legitimize former president Donald Trump's false allegations of voting irregularities. Four days before the attack on the Capitol, Johnson signed a statement with nine other Republican senators that they intended to object to certifying Joe Biden's electors and demand "an emergency 10-day audit of the election." [[Continue Reading](#)]

**WaPo: Justice Dept. expands Jan. 6 probe with fresh subpoenas**, Spencer S. Hsu, Josh Dawsey and Devlin Barrett, June 22, 2022, 2:59 PM

The Justice Department's investigation of the Jan. 6 attack ratcheted up Wednesday as federal agents dropped subpoenas on people in at least two states, in what appeared to be a widening probe of how political activists supporting President Donald Trump tried to use invalid electors to thwart Joe Biden's 2020 electoral victory. FBI officials confirmed to The Washington Post that agents conducted court authorized law enforcement activity Wednesday morning at two locations one the address of Brad Carver, a Georgia lawyer who allegedly signed a document claiming to be a Trump elector, and another the Virginia home of Thomas Lane, who worked on the Trump campaign's efforts in Arizona and New Mexico. The FBI officials did not identify the people associated with those addresses, but public records list each of the locations as the home addresses of the men. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Daily Beast](#), [NYT](#), [Reuters](#), [Washington Examiner](#)

**WaPo: Lawmakers on Jan. 6 committee ramp up their security as threats increase**, Amy Gardner, Josh Dawsey and Jacqueline Alemany, June 22, 2022, 12:24 PM

In the past 24 hours, there has been an uptick in the number of violent threats against lawmakers on the House select committee investigating the Jan. 6, 2021, insurrection at the U.S. Capitol, and all lawmakers on the committee are likely to receive a security detail, according to three people involved with the investigation. The committee on Tuesday held its fourth hearing, which focused on efforts by former president Donald Trump and his allies to overturn the results of the 2020 election and the resulting political violence and harassment experienced by many of those who resisted. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**NBC: Who is Jeffrey Clark? Jan. 6 panel seeks to make Trump's man at DOJ famous**, Ryan J. Reilly,

June 23, 2022, 5:01 AM

Most Americans don't know Jeffrey Clark the environmental lawyer whom former President Donald Trump wanted to take over the Justice Department to aid his effort to overturn the 2020 election. But the House Jan. 6 committee hopes its Thursday hearing might change that. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [The Hill](#)

**NBC: Q&A: Justice reporter Ryan Reilly breaks down what we've learned from the January 6th hearings**, Benjy Sarlin, June 22, 2022, 3:19 PM

Before the smoke even settled on the January 6th attack, NBC News Justice Reporter Ryan Reilly set out covering the legal aftermath, which has since grown to encompass hundreds of arrests, investigations, and prosecutions. He's also followed the extensive effort by online amateur sleuths to identify suspects and gather evidence alongside the official effort. With the country now taking a fresh look at the attack via the House Select Committee's hearings, we asked Reilly to help put their findings in perspective. Here's our conversation, edited for length and clarity. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**Guardian: January 6 panel to focus on Trump's relentless pressure on justice department**, Hugo Lowell, June 22, 2022, 7:01 PM

Donald Trump pressured top justice department officials to falsely declare that the 2020 election was corrupt and launch investigations into discredited claims of fraud as part of an effort to return him to office, the House January 6 select committee will say on Thursday. The panel investigating the Capitol attack is expected at its fifth hearing to focus on how Trump abused the power of the presidency to twist the justice department into endorsing false election claims and potentially how the Republican congressman Scott Perry sought a pardon for his involvement. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**The Hill: Jan. 6 committee delays hearing schedule until July**, Rebecca Beitsch, June 22, 2022, 2:10 PM

The House committee investigating the Jan. 6, 2021, attack on the Capitol is pressing pause on its hearings for next week and picking them up again in July. Rep. Bennie Thompson (D-Miss.), the chairman of the committee, told reporters Wednesday that the committee would hold off on the two final hearings it had planned for this month. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

## **CRIMINAL LAW**

**Reuters: Maxwell deserves 30- to 55-year prison term - U.S. prosecutors**, Luc Cohen, June 23, 2022, 5:00 AM

Ghislaine Maxwell should be sentenced to between 30 and 55 years in prison after being convicted of helping the sex offender and globetrotting financier Jeffrey Epstein sexually abuse teenage girls, U.S. prosecutors said on Wednesday. Maxwell, 60, was convicted in December by a federal jury on five charges, including sex trafficking, for recruiting and grooming four girls between 1994 and 2004 for sexual encounters with Epstein, then her boyfriend. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [NBC](#)

**AP: Motocross instructor with Indiana business indicted on federal child porn charges**, Unattributed, June 22, 2022, 4:00 PM

Federal officials say a motocross instructor who visited states from New York to Georgia has been charged with producing child pornography. The Justice Department says Ryan Meyung, 30, is accused of engaging six minors in sexually explicit conduct to produce sexual abuse images and with transporting and possessing images of child sexual abuse. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**Reuters: Former Tallahassee mayor, Florida governor candidate Gillum indicted for fraud**, Sarah N.

Lynch, June 22, 2022, 11:47 AM

The U.S. Justice Department on Wednesday said a federal grand jury voted to indict Tallahassee's former Democratic mayor and Florida gubernatorial candidate Andrew Gillum on charges of conspiracy, wire fraud and making false statements. Gillum, 42, is facing numerous criminal charges along with his associate, Sharon Janet Lettman-Hicks, 53, the U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Florida said. [[Continue Reading](#)]  
**See also:** [AP](#), [CNN](#), [KRIV-Fox \(Houston, TX\)](#), [USA Today](#), [WaPo](#), [WESH-NBC \(Orlando, FL\)](#), [WJXT-CW \(Jacksonville, FL\)](#), [WSJ](#)

**Bloomberg: US Says Giuliani Associate Parnas Deserves Up to 8 Years' Prison**, Robert Burnson, June 22, 2022, 10:04 PM

US prosecutors say Lev Parnas, a Florida businessman and associate of Rudy Giuliani, should spend as long as eight years in prison for crimes that included violating campaign finance laws and defrauding investors. The native of Ukraine vaulted to prominence during the first impeachment of former President Donald Trump when it was revealed that Giuliani had recruited him to help in his effort to dig up dirt on then-candidate Joe Biden and his son, Hunter. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**Baltimore Sun: Baltimore man pleads guilty to federal conspiracy charges for involvement in Cherry Hill gang, murder**, Lilly Price, June 22, 2022, 8:22 PM

A Baltimore man who was a member of a violent gang based in South Baltimore pleaded guilty Tuesday to federal charges of conspiracy to participate in a racketeering enterprise. Deaven Cherry, 35, aka "Gotti," played a significant role in a gang called Hillside that operated in Cherry Hill for 14 years, the U.S. Attorney for the District of Maryland said in a news release Wednesday. Cherry, charged with murder, went on the run in 2016 and was a fugitive for four years until his arrest by U.S. marshals in Baltimore County in 2020. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**NY Daily News: Six indicted in fatal shooting after massive Brooklyn marijuana robbery**, John Annese, June 22, 2022, 7:52 PM

A band of robbers face federal charges for ambushing an upstate pot seller in a Brooklyn Airbnb, fatally shooting the dealer as the thieves tried to grab hockey bags full of weed, prosecutors said. Federal prosecutors in Brooklyn announced Wednesday they've indicted a half-dozen suspects in connection with the Dec. 3, 2021, robbery turned bloodbath in Brighton Beach. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**Booth Newspapers (Grand Rapids, MI): Owners of Grand Rapids-based company to pay \$1 million settlement related to pandemic fraud**, John Tunison, June 22, 2022, 7:42 PM

A Grand Rapids trucking company and its owners have agreed to pay a \$1 million settlement in a civil case related to federal pandemic relief fraud, U.S. prosecutors said. DMR Transportation and its owners, Semsal Salja and Anes Suhonjic, agreed to pay the amount under the Financial Institutions Reform, Recovery, and Enforcement Act. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [WXMI-Fox \(Grand Rapids, MI\)](#)

**St. Thomas Source: Sixth Venezuelan Pleads Guilty To Cocaine Smuggling**, Mat Probasco, June 22, 2022, 6:00 PM

Another of the 11 Venezuelan men caught with bails of cocaine on a boat south of the USVI pleaded guilty in a St. Croix court, federal prosecutors said Wednesday. Alexis Fuentes, 33, is the sixth of the men to plead guilty to conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute cocaine while on board a vessel subject to the jurisdiction of the United States. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**Lake and McHenry County Scanner (Lake County, IL): Former executive director of Grayslake Chamber of Commerce faces federal charges for allegedly stealing \$300k**, Woo-Sung Shim, June 22,

2022, 4:08 PM

A Round Lake Beach woman, who is the former executive director of the Grayslake Chamber of Commerce, was indicted by the feds for allegedly stealing at least \$300,000 in funds belonging to the chamber. Karen Christian-Smith, 56, of Round Lake Beach, was indicted Wednesday on six counts of wire fraud. Christian-Smith served as the executive director for the Grayslake Area Chamber of Commerce and Industry, a non-profit organization, from 2006 to October 2019. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Daily Herald](#), [WGN-ABC \(Chicago, IL\)](#)

*NJ Metro Breaking News: Newark Man Sentenced to Five Years for Role in Fentanyl Conspiracy, Weapon Possession*, Chris Coleman, June 22, 2022, 5:04 PM

An Essex County man was sentenced today to 60 months in prison for his role in a fentanyl conspiracy and unlawful possession of a firearm and ammunition, U.S. Attorney Philip R. Sellinger announced. According to U.S. Attorney Sellinger, Jaqua Clayton, aka "Quay," 23, of Newark, previously pleaded guilty to an information charging him with conspiracy to distribute fentanyl, possession with intent to distribute fentanyl and possession of a firearm and ammunition by a convicted felon. [[Continue Reading](#)]

*Goshen News (Goshen, IN): Elkhart man sentenced to 57 months*, Unattributed, June 22, 2022, 3:00 PM  
Shea Pletcher, 42, Elkhart, was sentenced by United States District Court Judge Robert L. Miller, Jr. on his plea of guilty to being a felon in possession of a firearm, announced United States Attorney Clifford D. Johnson. Pletcher was sentenced to 57 months in prison followed by two years of supervised release, a news release stated. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [WBND-ANC \(South Bend, IN\)](#), [WNDU-NBC \(South Bend, IN\)](#)

*WFMJ-NBC/CW (Youngstown, OH): New Castle woman sentenced for storing guns, drugs in her home*, Corey Vallas, June 22, 2022, 10:00 PM

A New Castle woman was sentenced Tuesday for violating federal narcotics laws. Deia Eggleston, 46, pleaded guilty to the count back in February. According to the release, Eggleston was connected to a cocaine distribution drug trafficking organization in New Castle that also included Dondi Searcy, Jr., also of New Castle. [[Continue Reading](#)]

*WVLT-CBS (Knoxville, TN): Sevierville man sentenced to life in prison for selling drugs that caused overdose; DOJ says*, Kelly Ann Krueger, June 22, 2022, 9:09 PM

A Sevierville man was sentenced to life in prison after he was caught selling drugs to an undercover agent and was linked to the overdose death of a Kodak man on Thanksgiving of 2018, according to officials with the Department of Justice. After a four-day trial, a jury convicted 42-year-old Stacey Edward Williams on eight separate counts; conspiracy to distribute heroin, fentanyl, and acetyl fentanyl, multiple counts of possession and distribution of heroin, fentanyl, and acetyl fentanyl, the distribution of fentanyl and acetyl fentanyl resulting in death, and the possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. [[Continue Reading](#)]

*KXMB-CBS (Bismarck, ND): Minot man, Velva woman sentenced to federal prison for sexual exploitation of minors*, Steph Malloy, June 22, 2022, 9:01 PM

Two North Dakotans have now been sentenced to federal prison for the sexual exploitation of children. Wednesday, a judge sentenced 33-year-old Katie Heidinger, of Velva, and 46-year-old Derrick Walker, of Minot, for 6 counts of sexual exploitation of a minor. In addition, Walker was also charged with one count of receipt of images depicting the sexual exploitation of a minor. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [KFYR-NBC/Fox \(Bismarck, ND\)](#)

*WBFF-Fox (Baltimore, MD): 61-year-old man sentenced to over four years for money laundering*

**through law firm**, Sinéad Hawkins, June 22, 2022, 8:22 PM

A 61-year-old man was sentenced to over four years in prison for advising drug dealers to launder over million dollars. A 16-day- trial lead Kenneth Wendell Ravenell to be convicted of his charge on December 28, 2021. His over four-year sentence will be followed by three years of supervised release. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**WTMJ-AM (Milwaukee, WI): Oshkosh man who described himself as 'next mass shooter' indicted on federal firearm charges**, Madison Goldbeck, June 22, 2022, 7:31 PM

An Oshkosh man who described himself as the "next mass shooter" was indicted on federal firearm charges. A federal grand jury indicted Whittier P. Ives, 53, on Wednesday for unlawfully possessing a firearm. According to the U.S. Department of Justice, Ives is prohibited from possessing a firearm due to a court-ordered mental health commitment issued by a Winnebago County judge in April and due to prior felony convictions in California. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [KTTV-Fox \(Los Angeles, CA\)](#), [WBAY-ABC \(Green Bay, WI\)](#)

**WNDU-NBC (South Bend, IN): South Bend man sentenced to 12 years for robbery, firearm brandishing**, Unattributed, June 22, 2022, 7:31 PM

On Wednesday, a South Bend man was sentenced to 12 years in prison with 2 years of supervised release. Arsenio Harrison, 30, of South Bend was arrested last year after a robbery in South Bend and an attempted robbery in Mishawaka. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**WWLP-NBC (Springfield, MA): Stoughton man guilty of \$400k COVID relief scheme**, Waleed Azad, June 22, 2022, 6:57 PM

A Stoughton man pleaded guilty in federal court in Boston in connection with filing a fraudulent loan application in order to obtain over \$400,000 in Paycheck Protection Program loan funds. According to the news release sent to 22News by the Department of Justice in Boston, Adley Bernadin, 44, pleaded guilty to one count of wire fraud. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**WWLP-NBC (Springfield, MA): Lowell man pleads guilty in child pornography case**, Amy Phillips, June 22, 2022, 6:44 PM

A Lowell man, who is a level 3 registered sex offender, has pleaded guilty to one count of receipt of child pornography after coercing a juvenile to share sexually explicit photos using Snapchat. Chayanne Nieves, aged 24, appeared in federal court in Boston Wednesday. He was arrested and charged in August 2021 and has remained in custody since his arrest. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**WSOC-ABC (Charlotte, NC): NC man gets life for killing SC woman; FBI says he's connected to 3 other deaths**, Jazzmine Jackson, June 22, 2022, 6:27 PM

A North Carolina man was sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole after pleading guilty in the kidnapping and death of a woman who disappeared in Greenville County, South Carolina, last year, according to a release from the South Carolina U.S. District Attorney. Daniel Glen Printz pleaded guilty to kidnapping Edna Suttles and taking her across state lines, which eventually led to her death. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [WCCB-CW \(Charlotte, NC\)](#)

**KY3 (Springfield, MO): Nixa woman involved in high speed police chase sentenced for trafficking meth**, Unattributed, June 22, 2022, 6:25 PM

A woman from Nixa, Mo., who led police on a high-speed chase at night with no headlights, was sentenced in federal court Wednesday to 12 years in federal prison for trafficking methamphetamine. On January 13th, 2022, Gina Nunez, 44, pleaded guilty to one count of possessing methamphetamine with the intent to distribute. Nunez admitted that she was in possession of methamphetamine found in her vehicle after she led

officers on a high-speed chase over two stop strips before crashing her vehicle and being arrested. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**KSTP-ABC (Saint Paul, MN): Man pleads guilty to threatening Hennepin County employees, Zoe Brown, June 22, 2022, 6:00 PM**

A Minneapolis man pleaded guilty Wednesday to threatening Hennepin County government employees and illegally having guns. The U.S. Attorney's Office says an arrest warrant for 60-year-old Peter Robert Berry was issued in June 2021 after he failed to show up for a court appearance. Berry then called a Hennepin County Corrections employee and threatened to "shoot up the place," then called a probation officer and demanded a call back before he starts "killing everybody." [[Continue Reading](#)]

**KGBT-CBS (Harlingen, TX): 60-year-old sentenced to over five years for smuggling cocaine, Alejandra Yanez, June 22, 2022, 5:51 PM**

A Brownsville resident was sentenced after being arrested for possession of cocaine two years ago. Today, U.S. District Judge Rolando Olvera ordered Martin Munoz, 60, to serve a 70-month sentence to be immediately followed by five years of supervised release, according to a United States Department of Justice news release. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**KCTV-CBS (Kansas City, MO): Belton man sentenced for illegally possessing guns, drugs, Zoe Brown, June 22, 2022, 5:16 PM**

A young man from Belton has been sentenced to nearly seven years in prison for illegally possessing firearms and crack cocaine. Keylan L. Williams, 19, was sentenced Tuesday to six years and eight months in prison without parole. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**KPRC-NBC (Houston, TX): Katy sex offender to serve at least 15 years in federal prison for distributing child phonography: DOJ, Brittany Taylor, June 22, 2022, 5:15 PM**

A 45-year-old Katy man has been sent to federal prison following his conviction for a child pornography charge while on deferred adjudication for another similar offense, U.S. Attorney Jennifer B. Lowery announced. Manuel Candia-Reuter pleaded guilty on June 9, 2021. On Wednesday, Candia-Reuter was ordered to serve 180 months in prison, followed by 10 years of supervised release. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**WSET-ABC (Lynchburg, VA): Owner of Lighthouse Properties sentenced to 42 months for \$550k embezzlement scheme, Ezra Hercyk, June 22, 2022, 5:00 PM**

The former owner of Lighthouse Properties was sentenced today to 42 months in federal prison for his role in an embezzlement scheme in which he stole more than \$550,000. Timothy Penick, 39, of Forest, pleaded guilty to one count of wire fraud in May 2021. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**WOWK-CBS (Huntington, WV): Raleigh County man sentenced for mine equipment theft, Will Carroll, June 22, 2022, 4:48 PM**

A Raleigh County man was sentenced on Wednesday to two years and six months in prison and three years of supervised release for helping steal specialized equipment at a mine located in Boone and Lincoln counties. According to the US Attorney's Office for the Southern District of West Virginia, 51-year-old Charles Stanley admitted to helping others steal multiple pieces of mining equipment from a mine in 2019. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**WDBJ-CBS (Roanoke, VA): Former Amherst Co. veterinarian sentenced on drug charges, Unattributed, June 22, 2022, 4:36 PM**

A former Amherst County veterinarian who admitted to stealing opioids was sentenced Wednesday. 54-year-

old Patrick Gries has been sentenced to eight months in federal prison. He pleaded guilty in January to two drug charges: "NARCOTICS - False/forged label on container of controlled drugs." [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [WSET-ABC \(Lynchburg, VA\)](#), [WSLS-NBC \(Roanoke, VA\)](#)

**KY3 (Springfield, MO): Branson, Mo. man pleads guilty to threatening Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office**, Unattributed, June 22, 2022, 4:24 PM

A Branson man pleaded guilty in federal court to threatening over the internet to injure employees of the Los Angeles County California Sheriff's Office Joshua L. Bippert, 27, pleaded guilty before U.S. District Judge M. Douglas Harpool to one count of transmitting a threat across state lines to injure another person. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**WLNE-ABC (Providence, RI): Drug-trafficking organization leader sentenced to federal prison**, Unattributed, June 22, 2022, 4:20 PM

A man who led a drug-trafficking organization was sentenced on Wednesday, announced by the United States Attorney Zachary A. Cunha. 47-year-old Juni Rafael Jimenez-Martinez was sentenced to 15 years in federal prison. The twice-deported Dominican national was a Providence resident. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**KPAX-CBS/CW (Missoula, MT): Montana man sentenced for using construction excavator to break into firearms business**, Unattributed, June 22, 2022, 4:20 PM

A Billings man who admitted to stealing firearms from a dealer after breaking into the business by using a construction excavator to tear a hole in the wall was sentenced Wednesday. Erik Stephen Deaner, 46, pleaded guilty in December 2021 to theft from a federal firearms dealer and was sentenced to five years and two months in prison, followed by three years of supervised release, the U.S. Attorney's Office said in a press release. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [KTVQ-CBS \(Billings, MT\)](#)

**WALB-NBC (Albany, GA): Tifton man sentenced for trafficking heroin**, Unattributed, June 22, 2022, 4:09 PM

A Tifton man was sentenced to over a decade in prison for trafficking heroin from Atlanta to south Georgia, according to the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Middle District of Georgia. Joshua Gannon Deanda, 24, was sentenced to over 12 years in prison. In November 2020, Deanda was pulled over for a traffic violation where he ran away from deputies. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [WFXL-Fox \(Albany, GA\)](#), [WRBL-CBS \(Columbus, GA\)](#)

**WPGG-AM (Atlantic City, NJ): RI Man Convicted of Bank Fraud Conspiracy that Operated in South Jersey**, Chris Coleman, June 22, 2022, 4:00 PM

Federal authorities say a man from Rhode Island has been convicted for his role in a bank fraud conspiracy that targeted financial institutions in South Jersey and beyond. U.S. Attorney Philip Sellinger says 42-year-old Olayinka Peter Olaseinde of Providence, RI, was convicted on Tuesday of one count of bank fraud conspiracy and three counts of bank fraud following a five-day bench trial in Camden federal court. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**WYOU-CBS (Scranton, PA): Man indicted on firearms offense**, Justin Glowacki, June 22, 2022, 3:31 PM

The US Attorney's Office for the Middle District of Pennsylvania announced that a 36-year-old man was indicted on a firearms charge in Luzerne County. U.S. Attorney Gerard M. Karam said the indictment alleges Antonio Menzel Clark, of Ashley, possessed a handgun when he was prohibited from possessing a firearm due to a prior felony conviction. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**WESH-NBC (Orlando, FL): 29-year-old man facing charges for selling firearm and heroin in Ocala**,

Unattributed, June 22, 2022, 3:28 PM

According to the U.S. Department of Justice, a Florida man is facing charges for selling a firearm and heroin. Troy Nix, 29, of Mount Dora has an indictment charging him with the possession of a firearm as a convicted felon and the possession of heroin with the intent to distribute. Nix could face several years in federal prison if convicted. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**WFTX-Fox (Fort Myers, FL): Man sentenced to 7 years for possessing extreme amounts of child pornography**, Hannah Groves, June 22, 2022, 3:19 PM

A U.S. District Judge sentenced 66-year-old Timothy Crawley to seven years in federal prison for possessing images and videos showing sexual abuse of children. In addition, Crawley was sentenced to a 20-year term of supervised release and was ordered to register as a sex offender. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**WOWK-CBS (Huntington, WV): Huntington man sentenced to 6 years for fentanyl crime**, Will Carroll, June 22, 2022, 3:11 PM

A Huntington man was sentenced to six years in prison, followed by four years of supervised release, for possession with intent to distribute 40 or more grams of fentanyl. According to the US Attorney's Office for the Southern District of West Virginia, 20-year-old Ian Wyatt Justice, of Huntington, was arrested on March 16 when law enforcement officers executed a search warrant at his home on Charleston Avenue. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**WKYC-NBC (Cleveland, OH): Stark County man pleads guilty in attempting murder-for-hire plot**, Anna Meyer, June 22, 2022, 3:07 PM

A 53-year-old Stark County man has admitted to attempting to coordinate a murder-for-hire plot. Scott Allen Renninger, of Uniontown, pleaded guilty in federal court on Tuesday to one count of using interstate commerce facilities in the commission of murder-for-hire. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [WEWS-ABC \(Cleveland, OH\)](#), [WJW-Fox \(Cleveland, OH\)](#)

**KGUN-ABC (Tucson, AZ): 39-year-old man sentenced to prison for drug distribution**, Phil Villarreal, June 22, 2022, 2:53 PM

A 39-year-old convicted drug dealer was sentenced to 72 months in prison. Jamaar Charles Samuels, 39, was sentenced to the term, which will be followed by a 36-month supervised release. Last year, Samuels' co-defendant, 60-year-old Patrick Michael La Fever, was sentenced to 97 months in prison followed by 60 months of supervised release. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**KNWA-NBC (Rogers, AR): Fayetteville man sentenced to 25 years in federal prison for drug trafficking**, C.C. McCandless, June 22, 2022, 2:49 PM

On June 21, a Fayetteville man was sentenced to 300 months in prison followed by five years of supervised release on one count of aiding and abetting the possession with intent to distribute more than 500 grams of methamphetamine. The Honorable Judge Timothy L. Brooks presided over the sentencing hearing in the United States District Court in Fayetteville. According to court documents, in March 2021, the Fourth Judicial District Drug Task Force (DTF) began investigating a drug trafficking organization operating within the Western District of Arkansas, Fayetteville Division. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**WDRB-Fox (Louisville, KY): Floyds Knobs man headed to federal prison for robbing 5 Indy banks in 10 weeks**, Unattributed, June 22, 2022, 2:00 PM

A Floyds Knobs man is headed to federal prison after pleading guilty to five bank robberies in 10 weeks in the Indianapolis area. Daniel Wilkinson robbed five different Chase Bank branches in the Indianapolis area between Sept. 5 and Nov. 17, 2020, according to court documents. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [WHAS-](#)

[ABC \(Louisville, KY\)](#)

**KELO-AM (Sioux Falls, SD): Pine Ridge man indicted for sex abuse of a minor**, Jazzmine Jackson, June 22, 2022, 12:13 PM

A Pine Ridge, South Dakota man is facing up to 15 years in prison after being indicted by a federal grand jury on sexual abuse charges. Court documents say 24-year-old McKinley Two Bulls-Hunter appeared before a U.S. Magistrate Judge on June 15 where he plead 'not guilty' to engaging in a sexual act with a minor female between April and July of 2021. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**WTTV-CBS (Indianapolis, IN): Indianapolis 'career criminal' sentenced to 15 years for illegal gun possession**, Joe Hopkins, June 22, 2022, 12:07 PM

An Indianapolis "career criminal" was sentenced to 15 years in federal prison after pleading guilty to possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, the U.S. Department of Justice announced Wednesday. According to court documents, Corey Thomas, now age 33, was arrested on November 21 of 2020 after police were called to a domestic disturbance situation involving a gun. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [WXIN-Fox \(Indianapolis, IN\)](#)

## **CIVIL RIGHTS**

**Reuters: Harris meets Democratic attorneys general as White House gears up for abortion ruling**, Nandita Bose, June 23, 2022, 4:57 AM

U.S. Vice President Kamala Harris will meet a group of seven Democratic attorneys general on Thursday, a White House official said, to discuss the defense to a major ruling that could dramatically curtail abortion rights in the country. The conservative-majority U.S. Supreme Court is expected to issue a decision in the coming days to overturn Roe v. Wade, which guaranteed the right to an abortion - potentially paving the way to about half of the 50 U.S. states banning or heavily restricting the procedure. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**Reuters: Rights groups call on Biden to negotiate for WNBA star Griner's release**, Rory Carroll, June 22, 2022, 8:53 PM

A coalition of human rights groups on Wednesday called on U.S. President Joe Biden to "make a deal" to secure the release of WNBA star Brittney Griner who has been detained in Russia for months. Griner was taken into custody at a Moscow airport on Feb. 17 when a search of her luggage allegedly revealed multiple cannabis oil vape cartridges. She could face up to 10 years in prison. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**AP: Feds want 25 years for Chauvin for violating Floyd's rights**, Amy Forliti, June 22, 2022, 8:00 PM

Federal prosecutors asked a judge on Wednesday to sentence a former Minneapolis officer to 25 years for violating the rights of George Floyd, saying Derek Chauvin's actions were cold-blooded and needless as he knelt on the Black man's neck while Floyd repeatedly said he couldn't breathe. Chauvin pleaded guilty in December to violating Floyd's rights, admitting for the first time that he kept his knee on Floyd's neck even after he became unresponsive resulting in Floyd's death. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**AP: Lawsuit challenges Missouri voting aid restrictions**, Unattributed, June 22, 2022, 6:00 PM

Civil rights activists sued Missouri on Wednesday over a decades-old law that prohibits volunteers from offering ballot-booth help to multiple voters who have physical disabilities or are unable to read or write. The federal lawsuit contends Missouri's limits on voter assistance violate federal voting law and should be struck down. It's the latest of dozens of voting-related lawsuits across the U.S., as election procedures have come under increased scrutiny both from those seeking to guarantee access and ensure integrity. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**AP: DOJ: Maine violates ADA in care of kids with disabilities**, Patrick Whittle, June 22, 2022, 5:00 PM  
Maine unnecessarily institutionalizes youths with mental health and developmental disabilities because of a lack of sufficient community-based services that would allow them to stay in their homes, the U.S. Department of Justice said Wednesday in declaring a violation of the Americans with Disabilities Act. The Justice Department conducted its investigation after advocacy group Disability Rights Maine filed a complaint on behalf of a group of children. The rights organization said the children were not able to access community-based services, resulting in institutionalization or risk of institutionalization that violated the ADA. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [The Hill](#)

**Reuters: Law pros prevail over backlash to publishing prosecutor misconduct cases**, Hassan Kanu, June 22, 2022, 1:09 PM

A federal court ruling last week vindicated crucial First Amendment rights and upheld the use of one of the only effective means of holding prosecutors accountable for misconduct — public exposure. A U.S. district court in Manhattan held on June 13 that a group of six law professors can freely call attention to misconduct and unaccountability in district attorneys' offices by publishing online their disciplinary complaints against prosecutors. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**Courthouse News: Alaska agrees to comply with 'motor voter' law**, Hillel Aron, June 22, 2022, 7:00 PM  
The Justice Department announced Wednesday that it has reached an agreement with Alaska to resolve complaints that the state was not complying with certain parts of the National Voter Registration Act. Passed in 1993, the law includes a provision known as the "motor voter" law, which requires states to offer everyone who applies for or renews a driver's license the opportunity to register to vote on the same application. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**KPVI-NBC (Pocatello, ID): Patriot Front members could face overlapping federal, state prosecution**, Betsy Russell, June 22, 2022, 11:00 PM

Both of Idaho's last two U.S. attorneys say the June 11 arrests of 31 members of a white nationalist group for conspiracy to riot at a gay pride event in Coeur d'Alene is the type of thing that federal prosecutors should look into — and likely are examining. Bart Davis, a Trump appointee who served as U.S. attorney for Idaho from 2017 to 2021, said, "All I know are what the news accounts are. ... I don't know what actually occurred. But I do believe that these are the kinds of matters that the federal government has some role in." [[Continue Reading](#)]

**KFSM-CBS (Fort Smith, AR): Lawsuit filed against Arkansas officers for using alleged excessive force against woman**, Kathryn Gilker, June 22, 2022, 7:34 PM

We first told you the story of a woman who says she was mistreated by River Valley officers back in February. Now, a federal civil rights lawsuit has been filed against Sebastian County deputies and Greenwood police officers who the suit says mistreated her after a car accident back in May of 2020. "Now that the wait is over, I feel relieved," said Tyler "Unique" McClain. It was in the early morning hours of May 14, 2020, when 19-year-old McClain, who goes by Unique, veered off the road at Highway 10 and Highway 71 south near Greenwood. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**WRBL-CBS (Columbus, GA): Former Georgia prison employee pleads guilty after trying to conceal assault of inmate**, Nicole Sanders, June 22, 2022, 4:08 PM

A former Valdosta State Prison (VSP) supervisory correctional officer pled guilty to attempting to conceal an assault on an inmate, according to the United States Attorney's Office for Middle District Georgia. Geary Staten, 31, faces a maximum of three years in prison and a \$250,000 fine. Staten's sentencing is scheduled

for Sept. 21. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [WFXL-Fox \(Albany, GA\)](#)

## **CIVIL LAW**

**WSJ: Facebook Parent Meta Pulls Out of Sponsorship Deal for U.S. 250th Anniversary Project**, Jess Bravin, June 22, 2022, 10:20 PM

Facebook parent Meta Platforms Inc. said Wednesday it has canceled its sponsorship agreement with the organization planning the federal government's commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the U.S., a project beset by internal strife and facing a discrimination lawsuit filed by female former executives. Meta said in March it would review its ties to the U.S. Semiquincentennial Commission and its affiliated America250 Foundation following Wall Street Journal reports detailing feuds among the congressionally appointed commissioners and accusations of mismanagement and misuse of federal funds by former employees.

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**Law360: DOJ Official Confirms CCO Certs. Are New Settlement Staple**, Al Barbarino, June 22, 2022, 3:19 PM

A senior official in the U. S. Department of Justice's fraud section said Wednesday that companies can expect a new policy requiring that chief compliance officers certify agreements with the department to "most likely" be part of every new deal moving forward. Speaking at a legal industry conference, Lauren Kootman, assistant chief in the corporate enforcement, compliance and policy unit of the DOJ's fraud section, echoed prior statements from DOJ officials that the certifications are meant to "empower" CCOs, not punish them.

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**WLUC-NBC (Marquette, MI): Michigan awarded \$14.5 million in pharmaceutical lawsuit**, Unattributed, June 22, 2022, 3:55 PM

The state of Michigan will receive \$14.5 million from Mallinckrodt after they allegedly underpaid Medicaid rebates for nearly seven years. Michigan Attorney General Dana Nessel joined 49 other states, Washington, D.C., Puerto Rico, and the federal government to settle allegations of fraud against Mallinckrodt ARD, LLC (formerly known as Questcor Pharmaceuticals, Inc.), a U.S. subsidiary of the Irish pharmaceutical company Mallinckrodt plc (collectively Mallinckrodt), which sells and markets pharmaceutical products throughout the nation. [[Continue Reading](#)]

## **IMMIGRATION & BORDER SECURITY**

**Reuters: California urges court to maintain ban on private immigrant detention**, Daniel Wiessner, June 22, 2022, 4:12 PM

California and a coalition of advocacy groups urged a U.S. appeals court on Tuesday to uphold the state's ban on privately run immigrant detention centers, but some of the judges seemed skeptical of their claim that the law only regulates businesses and not the federal government. Aimee Feinberg of the California Solicitor General's Office told an 11-member panel of the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals that the 2019 law's incidental impact on government contracting does not render it invalid. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**AP: Jury: Construction company retaliated against immigrant**, Unattributed, June 22, 2022, 4:00 PM

A federal jury has awarded \$650,000 in damages to a Massachusetts construction worker who said his employer retaliated against him after he was injured on the job by sparking an immigration investigation that led to his arrest. The jury on Tuesday ordered Tara Construction to pay \$50,000 in compensatory damages for emotional distress and the company and its owner to pay a total of \$600,000 in punitive damages to José

Martin Paz Flores, who is referred to as Paz in court documents. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**Forbes: Revelations Show Trump Immigration Policy Was Supposed To Be Harsher**, Stuart Anderson, June 23, 2022, 12:22 AM

While Donald Trump was president, reporters published shocking revelations about his administration's conduct of U.S. immigration policy. It turns out reporters missed a few items. Former Cabinet officials and others have revealed immigration policy during the Trump administration was intended to be much harsher, including placing a quarter-million soldiers on the U.S.-Mexico border, enacting crueler measures to separate families and targeting children for deportation at American schools. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**Law360: White House To Release Final DACA Rule In August**, Rae Varona, June 22, 2022, 10:43 PM

The Biden administration announced plans to issue a final Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals rule by August and continue its efforts to undo multiple Trump-era regulations. Here are the main immigration highlights from the administration's regulatory agenda for spring 2022. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**Law360: DOJ Says Trade Group Can't Join Suit Over EB-5 Visa Freeze**, Nate Beck, June 22, 2022, 6:54 PM

The U.S. Department of Justice says it would be disruptive to allow a trade group for the EB-5 program to join a lawsuit that seeks to force U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services to reverse changes to a rule allowing foreign investors to trade cash for a green card. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**Washington Times: Up to 33% of ICE catch-and-release migrants abscond: GAO audit**, Stephen Dinan, June 22, 2022, 6:00 PM

ICE's catch-and-release program has a high failure rate, according to a new government audit released Wednesday that found up to one-third of migrants abscond before their time is up. The Alternatives to Detention program, or ATD as it's known within U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, also doesn't have solid yardsticks to measure its success, even as the number of people ICE enrolls soars, the Government Accountability Office said in the exhaustive new analysis. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**Law360: Nonprofit Group Backs Axing Haitians' Border Whipping Suit**, Nicole Rosenthal, June 22, 2022, 2:10 PM

A nonprofit organization backed the Biden administration's bid to toss a proposed class action accusing border patrol officers of whipping Haitian migrants and wrongfully denying them asylum, telling a D.C. federal court that the constitutional protections the migrants claim are overridden by COVID-19 concerns and a public health order. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**Arizona Republic: Autopsy report determines migrant was stabbed to death by CBP agent in Douglas**, Gloria Rebecca Gomez, Angela Cordoba Perez, Clara Migoya, June 22, 2022, 6:47 PM

A migrant was stabbed to death by a Customs and Border Protection agent in Douglas in late May, a Pima County medical examiner's autopsy report found. Abigail Román Aguilar, 32, a Mexican immigrant from the state of Chiapas, died on May 24 after a "use of force incident" involving an agent, the CBP said in a statement issued that day. Román Aguilar had two stab wounds in the chest and blunt force injuries including lacerations in the head and contusions in the head and extremities, according to the Pima County Medical Examiner's Office report, obtained by The Arizona Republic. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**Desert Review (Imperial Valley, CA): Calexico CBP officers seize more than half a million dollars' worth of fentanyl**, Unattributed, June 22, 2022, 4:00 PM

US Customs and Border Protection Officers assigned to the Calexico Port of Entry seized over half million

dollars' worth of Fentanyl, according to a press release.

On June 6 at approximately 9:52 a.m., a 28-year-old male driver in a 2014 Ford entered the United States at the Calexico West Port of Entry from Mexico. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**Bharat Express News: ICE arrests 119 illegal immigrants, most with prior convictions, who had returned after being deported**, Unattributed, June 22, 2022, 3:00 PM

Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) announced on Wednesday that it has conducted a nationwide operation focused on deporting illegal immigrants who had been deported but later returned to the United States. ICE said its enforcement and removal operations (ERO) caught 119 illegal immigrants between June 1 and June 7 who had returned after an earlier deportation. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**KNSD-NBC (San Diego, CA): Customs Agents Explain Dangers of Human Smuggling off San Diego Coast**, Tania Luviano, June 22, 2022, 11:00 PM

The mission of U.S Customs and Border Protection's Air and Marine Operations Unit is to save lives, which is a hard thing to do amid dangerous offshore conditions. Despite the deadly waters, CBP says they've seen an increase in human smuggling off San Diego's coast, and agents blame smugglers who disregard the threat of the open ocean and prey on people who dream of a better life in the United States. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**WKBW-ABC (Buffalo, NY): Weapons, currency and narcotics seized by CBP Officers at the Peace Bridge**, Anthony Reyes, June 22, 2022, 10:56 AM

Weapons, currency and narcotics were seized by U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officers at the Peace Bridge Sunday. CBP said officers encountered a vehicle occupied by two 25-year-old males, a 35-year-old male and a 38-year-old male that made a U-turn on the Peace Bridge and were required to enter primary inspection. [[Continue Reading](#)]

## **ANTITRUST**

**Reuters: U.S. consumer watchdog to review 'excessive' credit card late payment fees**, Katanga Johnson, June 22, 2022, 4:30 PM

The top U.S. consumer watchdog on Wednesday said it had begun a review of "excessive" credit card fees and asked card issuers for data on revenue and expenses in a bid to stamp out abuses and boost competition. The advanced notice of proposed rulemaking issued by the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) confirms a Reuters April report that the agency would scrutinize credit card fees as part of a broader crackdown on what it calls "junk fees," a catch-all for overdraft, credit card late-payment fees, bounced check fees, and other charges. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**Reuters: DOJ defends rare wage-fixing criminal case in Maine federal court**, Mike Scarcella, June 22, 2022, 12:14 PM

U.S. Justice Department lawyers on Tuesday defended their rare criminal antitrust case charging four business managers with conspiring to fix hourly rates for home healthcare support specialists in Maine and agreeing not to hire each other's workers. The government's filing in Portland federal court urged a trial judge not to dismiss the case, which was filed in January amid an ongoing federal antitrust investigation into the home health care industry. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**Bloomberg: Meta Antitrust Judge Backs TikTok, WeChat, Telegram Data Request**, Malathi Nayak, June 22, 2022, 5:10 PM

Meta Platforms Inc. won a judge's backing to obtain information from ByteDance Ltd's TikTok, Tencent Holdings Ltd's WeChat and Telegram Group Inc. to bolster its defense against an antitrust lawsuit by the US Federal Trade Commission. US District Judge James Boasberg on Wednesday wrote letters to China's

Ministry of Justice seeking help with getting documentary evidence from Tencent and ByteDance, and sent a separate letter to officials in the British Virgin Islands concerning Telegram. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**Law360: DOJ Fights Bid To Duck Pandemic Wage-Fixing Charges**, Matthew Perlman, June 22, 2022, 8:39 PM

The U.S. Department of Justice is contesting a dismissal bid by operators of four Maine home health care agencies who were indicted on allegations that they conspired to fix pay rates in order to avoid competing with each other for workers during the pandemic. [[Continue Reading](#)]

## **ENVIRONMENT**

**Law360: EPA Delays Greenhouse Gas Regs As Court Ruling Looms**, Keith Goldberg, June 22, 2022, 10:30 PM

The Biden administration has pushed back the release of plans to regulate greenhouse gas emissions from the power sector until next year, just as the U.S. Supreme Court could limit the scope of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's climate change authority. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**Law360: Shoshone Tribe Asks 9th Circ. To Revive Hunting Rights Suit**, Andrew Westney, June 22, 2022, 6:35 PM

The Northwestern Band of the Shoshone Nation has urged the Ninth Circuit to overturn a ruling that the tribe doesn't have treaty rights to hunt and fish in its aboriginal lands, saying an Idaho district judge wrongly found that the tribe had to have settled on a reservation there to retain those rights. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**Law360: Construction Co. Sanctioned Over Lost Docs In Mine Spill Suit**, Caleb Symons, June 22, 2022, 5:42 PM

A federal judge in New Mexico slapped Harrison Western Construction Corp. with sanctions for failing to produce documents related to its work on the Gold King Mine before the Colorado structure ruptured in August 2015, releasing 3 million gallons of toxic waste. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**Law360: DOI Asks 9th Circ. To Revisit Coal Mine Emissions Ruling**, Clark Mindock, June 22, 2022, 3:46 PM

The U.S. Department of the Interior has told the Ninth Circuit it went too far when rejecting the agency's process for green-lighting a Montana mine expansion project and wants a rehearing on a "narrow but important" element of the case. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**Law360: Boeing Says Feds Want To Break Rocket Site Cleanup Deal**, Greg Lamm, June 22, 2022, 2:59 PM

Boeing asked a Washington federal judge on Tuesday to toss the federal government's \$32 million contaminated groundwater lawsuit, saying the suit is barred under a broad hold-harmless clause in a decades-old contract to build and test rockets for NASA's moonshots. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**Bloomberg Law: EPA Seeks to Delay Deadline for Washington Water Quality Review**, Maya Earls, June 22, 2022, 1:25 PM

A lower court's timeline to consider whether Washington needs updated water quality standards to protect aquatic life should be paused, the EPA and an environmental group told the Ninth Circuit. The US District Court for the Western District of Washington said the Environmental Protection Agency must "make a necessity determination" by June 27. But completing this review "with the appropriate degree of scientific rigor" can't be done in the time given, according to a joint motion to stay filed by the agency and Northwest

Environmental Advocates in the US Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**KOIN-CBS (Portland, OR): Court docs: Eugene man illegally mailed hundreds of live scorpions**, Sam Campbell, June 22, 2022, 5:28 PM

A Eugene man was sentenced to two years of federal probation for sending and receiving hundreds of live scorpions across several states and outside the country. The U.S. Attorney's Office in Oregon said 39-year-old Darren Dennis Drake violated the Lacey Act by both importing and exporting the venomous arachnids without the proper Fish and Wildlife Service license. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [KEZI-ABC \(Eugene, OR\)](#)

## **TAX**

**KAAL-ABC (Austin, MN): Kenyon woman sentenced to more than 9 years for embezzling \$881,000, tax fraud**, Zoe Brown, June 22, 2022, 4:50 PM

A Kenyon woman was sentenced to 111 months in prison, three years of supervised release, and \$1,058,777.18 in restitution for embezzling more than \$881,000 from the owners of several Denny's restaurant franchises around the Twin Cities and from a family-owned construction company in Rochester. According to court documents, in 2014, Kimberly Sue Peterson-Janovec, 59, became the Director of Operations for MI5, Inc., a Denny's franchisee that owned and operated eight Denny's franchises in Minnesota and Wisconsin. [[Continue Reading](#)]

## **FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES**

**LAT: Anaheim remains without a mayor following FBI political corruption probe**, Gabriel San Román, June 22, 2022, 8:35 PM

Anaheim City Council, for a second time, failed to fill the vacancy left by former mayor Harry Sidhu, who resigned last month amid an FBI investigation into members of a self-described political 'cabal.' During a June 7 meeting, council members first grappled with an array of issues related to the fallout from the probe but couldn't decide on who to appoint, if anyone, to serve as interim mayor ahead of the November elections. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**Newsweek: Who is Michael McDonald? Nevada GOP Chairman Reportedly Investigated by FBI**, Khaleda Rahman, June 23, 2022, 4:50 AM

FBI agents reportedly served a search warrant on Nevada's top GOP official, who was among those subpoenaed by the House select committee investigating the January 6 attack on the U.S. Capitol. Nevada GOP Chair Michael McDonald was among more than a dozen officials who were subpoenaed by the committee earlier this year in connection with a "fake electors" scheme that sought to have representatives in battleground states say that former President Donald Trump, not Joe Biden, had won them. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**Booth Newspapers (Grand Rapids, MI): 5 firefighters hospitalized after battling fire in downtown Holly, investigation underway**, Miguel Torres, June 22, 2022, 7:31 PM

Officials are working to determine the cause of a fire that destroyed businesses and historic buildings in the downtown area of a small village in northern Oakland County and also led to five firefighters being hospitalized. The Oakland County Sheriff's Office and Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearm's (ATF) are investigating the Tuesday, June 21, fire in downtown Holly that claimed multiple businesses, according to a post on the Holly Police Department Facebook page. [[Continue Reading](#)]

*Arizona Republic (Phoenix, AZ):* **We have to do something': Phoenix police launch 'Gun Crime Crackdown' to combat gun violence**, Miguel Torres, June 22, 2022, 7:24 PM

A gun “crime crackdown” program will come to Phoenix this summer on the heels of the mass shooting that killed a 14-year-old girl, Phoenix police Chief Jeri Williams announced at a Wednesday news conference. [...] “Together with the ATF, the Maricopa County Attorney’s Office, the U.S. Attorney’s Office, and the community, Phoenix PD is going to be laser-focused on curbing the recent rise in gun crimes in our city,” Williams said. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [KPNX-NBC \(Phoenix, AZ\)](#)

*KARK-NBC (Little Rock, AR):* **Sources: Home of Arkansas judge raided by FBI**, Mitch McCoy, June 22, 2022, 9:25 PM

The home of an Arkansas judge was raided by authorities, according to sources. Sources tell KARK anchor Mitch McCoy that the home of Monroe County District Court Judge David Carruth was raided by the FBI on Wednesday. At this point, it’s unclear why federal agents were searching the judge’s home. [[Continue Reading](#)]

*KHON-Fox/CW- (Honolulu, HI):* **FBI Honolulu search for victims in child porn case**, Elizabeth Ufi, June 22, 2022, 9:05 PM

The FBI Honolulu Division said they are seeking the public’s assistance in identifying potential victims in the investigation of an Oahu teacher accused of distributing child pornography. The suspect, 33-year-old Alden Bunag, has been charged with distribution of child pornography. [[Continue Reading](#)]

*WPEC-CBS (West Palm Beach, FL):* **Man wanted for woman's murder in Martin County under arrest in Palm Beach County, Gary Detman**, Luli Ortiz, June 22, 2022, 9:00 PM

The search for a man considered armed and dangerous is over. James Stephenson was arrested Wednesday evening at a restaurant in Palm Beach County. The Martin County Sheriff’s Office said Stephenson, 61, was captured by its Warrants Unit with help from the Palm Beach County Sheriff’s Office Tactical Unit and the U.S. Marshals Fugitive Task Force. [[Continue Reading](#)]

*KABC-ABC (Los Angeles, CA):* **Feds still looking for Alcatraz fugitives - 3 men in their 90s 'if they're still alive'**, Stephanie Sierra, June 22, 2022, 8:37 PM

There's a possible clue into one of the greatest mysteries of the 20th century. The U.S. Marshals Service released updated renderings of what three missing Alcatraz fugitives would look like in their 80s in hopes of putting them back behind bars - if they're still alive. [[Continue Reading](#)]

*KSL-NBC (Salt Lake City, UT):* **FBI now involved in Dylan Rounds case as his parents plead for help in 1st joint interview**, Elizabeth Ufi, June 22, 2022, 8:04 PM

The FBI is now involved in the case of an eastern Idaho man who disappeared from a remote farm near the Utah/Nevada border nearly a month ago. Dylan Rounds, 19, had been farming in the desert town of Lucin, Utah, during summer months over the past few years. His grandmother last spoke with him on May 28 and nobody has heard from him since then. There has been no sign of Rounds anywhere and no activity on his cell phone or bank account, according to his parents. [[Continue Reading](#)]

*WMTV-NBC (Madison, WI):* **FBI: Milwaukee man arrested for 1991 Indiana murder**, Brandon Landsberg, June 22, 2022, 7:53 PM

Over 30 years after the alleged murder of a man, the FBI revealed Tuesday that a 50-year-old man was charged in the crime. The victim was found in his apartment on Nov. 26, 1991, stabbed multiple times in Gary, Indiana, according to the FBI. Family members found John Thomas Curie, who was 35 years old at the time of his death. [[Continue Reading](#)]

*KRQE-CBS/Fox (Albuquerque, NM):* **FBI releases video of “Fast Fila Duo” accused bank robbers,** Jordan Honeycutt, June 22, 2022, 7:41 PM

The FBI has released video of two men accused of robbing an Albuquerque bank. Nicknamed the Fast Fila Duo, one of the two men is seen walking into Western Commerce Bank on Wyoming on June 14. He brandishes a gun and demands money. The teller quickly hands him cash and he walks out. On video, his sunglasses fly off and as he messes with his hair, his face is clearly seen. [[Continue Reading](#)]

*KLAS-CBS (Las Vegas, NV):* **I-Team sources: FBI seizes Nevada GOP chairman’s phone as part of fake elector investigation,** David Charns, June 22, 2022, 7:12 PM

FBI agents served a search warrant Wednesday on Nevada’s top GOP official, sources told the 8 News Now I-Team’s George Knapp. Agents seized the cell phone of state Republican chairman Michael McDonald, reportedly as part of an investigation into the fake elector scheme initiated at the end of the 2020 presidential election. [[Continue Reading](#)]

*KSHB-NBC (Kansas City, MO):* **FBI confirms search of Oak Grove, Missouri, health care clinic,** David Medina, June 22, 2022, 6:49 PM

Agents from the Federal Bureau of Investigation searched the offices of an Oak Grove clinic on Tuesday morning. Oak Grove Police Department escorted the FBI to the Health+Plus offices located in the 100 block of 12th Street in downtown Oak Grove. [[Continue Reading](#)]

*KSN-NBC (Wichita, KS):* **Eastern Kansas volunteer firefighter dies after getting injured while battling fire,** Makenzie Koch, June 22, 2022, 5:29 PM

A volunteer Linn County, Kansas, firefighter has died after he was injured in a structure fire earlier this week. Joshua Haynes, a firefighter with the Linn County, Kansas, Rural District 1 Fire Department, suffered life-threatening injuries Monday night while battling a fire at the Carpenter Chiropractor Clinic in Pleasanton, Kansas.[...] Haynes died Wednesday, according to the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF). He leaves behind three children. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [KCTV-CBS \(Kansas City, MO\)](#)

*WCPO-ABC (Cincinnati, OH):* **FBI paid informant Chinedum Ndukwe \$27K to wear wire at City Hall for 18 months,** Paula Christian, June 22, 2022, 5:22 PM

After listening to nearly three hours of opening statements in the public corruption trial of P.G. Sittenfeld, at least one juror appeared to be nodding off in the jury box as attorneys described the inner workings of Cincinnati City Hall, campaign fundraising and development deals. Both sides outlined their cases and described what jurors will hear during the two-week trial at U.S. District Court in Cincinnati. [[Continue Reading](#)]

*KCTV-CBS (Kansas City, MO):* **FBI agents raid Oak Grove doctor’s office,** Sharon Chen, June 22, 2022, 5:10 PM

A doctor in Oak Grove is under a federal investigation. FBI agents raided the offices of Dr. David Clark Tuesday. Just after 10 a.m., Sue Moon arrived to the scene of agents swarming the area outside of her bookstore. [[Continue Reading](#)]

*KRQE-CBS/Fox (Albuquerque, NM):* **Students get a chance to spend the day with the FBI,** Isaac Cruz, June 22, 2022, 3:50 PM

The FBI Teen Academy is giving high school sophomores, juniors and seniors in New Mexico a chance to spend a day with the FBI. The academy will be held Tuesday, July 26, at the FBI Albuquerque headquarters at 4200 Luecking Park. The academy will run from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Students who attend are expected to attend all events. The FBI says students should dress appropriately and punctuality and professional behavior

are expected. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**KKTV-CBS (Colorado Springs, CO): Law enforcement raiding pawn shops in Colorado Springs, Pueblo as part of a large-scale theft investigation**, Lindsey Grewe and Nicole Heins, June 22, 2022, 12:55 PM

U.S. Marshals, FBI and local law enforcement have raided four pawn shops as part of an ongoing investigation into a multi-million dollar criminal organization. Two of the Top Dollar Pawn shops are located in Pueblo and two are in Colorado Springs. Authorities were originally going to share more details on the case with the public Wednesday afternoon, but decided to cancel that news conference. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

## **CRIMINAL JUSTICE/CORRECTIONS**

**USA Today: 4 inmates who escaped federal prison camp in Virginia back in custody, officials said**, Bill Atkinson, June 22, 2022, 9:14 PM

All four inmates who escaped from a federal prison's satellite camp in Virginia are back in custody, the U.S. Marshals Service and Federal Bureau of Prisons announced Wednesday. Lamonte Rashawn Willis, of Suffolk, Virginia, was the final inmate to turn himself back in at the low-security satellite camp around noon Wednesday, officials said. No other details of his surrender were released. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [AP](#), [Fox](#)

## **US SUPREME COURT**

**Reuters: Most judges in survey support U.S. Supreme Court having ethics code**, Nate Raymond, June 22, 2022, 3:37 PM

Hundreds of judges nationwide believe that U.S. Supreme Court justices should be subject to an ethics code, according to a poll released Wednesday, with one saying they should set a "very high bar for the rest of us to emulate." The National Judicial College, which provides training to judges nationally, said that in a survey of more than 12,000 of its alumni, 97% of the 859 judges who responded agreed Supreme Court justices should be bound by an ethics code. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**AP: Protesters turn Supreme Court front into forum on abortion**, Jacquelyn Martin, June 22, 2022, 2:00 PM

A steady stream of protesters has turned the street in front of the Supreme Court building into an open-air forum encapsulating the fierce national debate over abortion after the leak of a draft opinion suggesting the justices would overturn *Roe v. Wade*, the 1973 landmark ruling that legalized abortion nationwide. Both supporters and foes of abortion rights have gathered during large, organized weekend marches and on weekdays when the court is scheduled to release its opinion. They march and chant; sometimes they attempt to shout the other side down. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**NYT, The Daily: [AUDIO] The Supreme Court Case That Could Doom U.S. Climate Goals**, June 23, 2022, 6:00 AM

While coming rulings on abortion and guns have garnered lots of attention, the Supreme Court is also set to make another major decision in a less-publicized suit involving climate change. The case, about how far the Environmental Protection Agency can regulate greenhouse gas emissions from power plants, could affect the way the entire government makes rules and regulations. [\[Listen\]](#)

**WSJ: Farmers Stick With Bayer's Roundup, Undeterred by Supreme Court Decision**, Patrick Thomas,

June 22, 2022, 1:08 PM

The U.S. Supreme Court this week denied an effort by Bayer AG BAYRY -1.11% to stem thousands of lawsuits alleging its Roundup weedkiller caused cancer among landscapers and residential gardeners. On Alan Meadows's Tennessee farm, it was business as usual. As the top U.S. court declined Tuesday to hear Bayer's appeal of a 2018 jury verdict linking the company's herbicide to non-Hodgkin lymphoma in a California plaintiff, Mr. Meadows said he was spraying the chemical on his own 4,000-acre farm, which he said he has done since the 1990s. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**NPR: [AUDIO] The Supreme Court may issue a ruling that could hurt Biden's climate change plans,** Unattributed, June 22, 2022, 4:58 PM

The U.S. Supreme Court is hearing a case that could limit the Environmental Protection Agency's ability to regulate climate-warming greenhouse gasses. [\[Listen\]](#)

**Washington Examiner: Senate bill would imprison Supreme Court leakers and impose \$10K fine,** Kaelan Deese, June 23, 2022, 6:00 AM

Sen. Bill Cassidy (R-LA) unveiled new legislation Thursday that would hold future Supreme Court leakers accountable with a \$10,000 fine and 10 years in prison for releasing information about pending decisions in response to last month's unprecedented leaked draft opinion that signaled the overturning of Roe v. Wade. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**SCOTUSblog: [OPINION] Justices overturn Washington workers' compensation law on a strict reading of intergovernmental immunity,** Michael C. Duff, June 22, 2022, 5:34 PM

The Supreme Court on Tuesday unanimously struck down a Washington state law that was aimed at helping federal contract employees get workers' compensation for diseases arising from cleaning up nuclear waste. The case, *United States v. Washington*, concerned the federally controlled Hanford nuclear reservation, a decommissioned facility that spans 586 square miles near the Columbia River. The reservation, formerly used by the federal government in the production of nuclear weapons, presents unique hazards to cleanup workers. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

## **JUDICIAL NOMINEES & APPOINTMENTS**

**Law360: DC, 6th Circ. Picks Tout Broad Experience In Senate Hearing,** James Arkin, June 22, 2022, 4:19 PM

President Joe Biden's nominees for the D.C. and Sixth Circuits appeared before the Senate Judiciary Committee Wednesday, touting their diverse experience and qualifications in a relatively low-key hearing that featured limited questioning from senators on the panel. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

## **NATIVE AMERICAN AFFAIRS**

**Law360: HUD To Establish First-Ever Tribal Advisory Committee,** Caleb Symons, June 22, 2022, 8:42 PM

Federal officials plan to create a tribal advisory committee meant to strengthen relations between Native groups and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and to advise HUD on its existing regulations and housing development for those communities. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**KTEN-NBC (Ada, OK): Stitt hoping for clarity from Supreme Court on tribal jurisdiction,** Molly O'Brien, June 22, 2022, 4:00 PM

Gov. Kevin Stitt and the State of Oklahoma are still waiting for a U.S. Supreme Court ruling in the Oklahoma v. Castro-Huerta case that's related to the landmark McGirt decision. The Supreme Court heard arguments in the Castro-Huerta case in April. The state argued it has the authority to prosecute non-native Oklahomans for crimes against Native Americans on tribal land. Then in May, the FBI director asked lawmakers for \$22.5 million to support the increased case load the agency has faced since the McGirt decision. [[Continue Reading](#)]

## **MARIJUANA LEGALIZATION**

*Law360*: **Wash. Pot Regulator Had Power To Pull License Application**, Sam Reisman, June 22, 2022, 9:16 PM

Washington state's cannabis regulator was within its authority to cancel a would-be marijuana retailer's license application, a state appeals court ruled on Wednesday. The Washington State Court of Appeals said in a unanimous, unpublished decision that the state's Liquor and Cannabis Board had statutory authority to withdraw pending applications for cannabis retailers, including one from plaintiff Vision Research Group LLC. "The [Liquor and Cannabis Board] cancelled all pending applications, apparently without consideration or discrimination," the court found. [[Continue Reading](#)]

*Marijuana Moment*: **23 State Attorneys General Call On Congress To Address Marijuana Copycat Products That Resemble Common Food Brands**, Kyle Jaeger, June 22, 2022, 2:00 PM

A bipartisan coalition of 23 state attorneys general sent a letter to congressional leaders on Wednesday, demanding action to prevent the sale of copycat marijuana products that resemble popular food brands. The letter, led by Virginia Attorney General Jason Miyares (R) and Nevada Attorney General Aaron Ford (D), says that the top state prosecutors are "gravely concerned about the dangers of copycat tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) edibles in our communities, particularly the risk they pose to our children." [[Continue Reading](#)]

## **ADMINISTRATION**

*Reuters*: **Biden asks Congress for gas tax holiday to lower record pump prices**, Jarrett Renshaw and Nandita Bose, June 23, 2022, 3:47 AM

U.S. President Joe Biden on Wednesday called for a three-month suspension of the federal gasoline tax to combat record prices, but opposition from lawmakers within his own party suggests the request may never be met. American families paying much more for gasoline deserve some financial relief, Biden said as he pushed Congress to act, while commenting that a suspension of the 18.4 cents per gallon tax was not enough. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Bloomberg](#), [NBC](#)

*USA Today*: **Biden to meet with G7 leaders in Europe amid global economic crisis, conflict with Russia**, Francesca Chambers, June 23, 2022, 5:00 AM

Skyrocketing gas prices. Surging food costs. Markets in freefall. The international financial crisis will be front and center as President Joe Biden meets with leaders of some of the world's most advanced economies this weekend in the Bavarian Alps. Rich nations that make up the Group of Seven, or G7, will band together in an attempt to stabilize the global economy while maintaining and potentially increasing punitive actions on Russia over its war in Ukraine. [[Continue Reading](#)]

## **CONGRESS**

**Reuters: U.S. Senate poised to step forward on rare bipartisan gun legislation**, David Morgan, June 23, 2022, 5:03 AM

The U.S. Senate is poised on Thursday for a vote to advance a bipartisan gun control bill that supporters hope will help curb the mass shootings that have rocked the country, in what could be Congress's first new limits on guns in decades. The 80-page Bipartisan Safer Communities Act would encourage states to keep guns out of the hands of those deemed to be dangerous and tighten background checks for would-be gun purchasers convicted of domestic violence or significant crimes as juveniles. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [NBC](#)

**NYT: Gun Bill's Progress Reflects Political Shift, but G.O.P. Support Is Fragile**, Emily Cochrane, June 22, 2022, 7:00 PM

As Senator Joni Ernst, Republican of Iowa, weighed whether she should vote to take up a bipartisan gun reform measure, the phone lines in her offices were being flooded by constituents hoping to sway her. The calls were coming in roughly six to one, she estimated, with an urgent message: "Please do something." On Tuesday, Ms. Ernst became one of 14 Republicans to break with her party to support moving ahead with the legislation, propelling it past a Republican blockade that has thwarted years of efforts to overhaul the nation's gun laws. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**WSJ: Congress Unlikely to Heed Biden's Call for Three-Month Suspension of Gas Tax**, Tarini Parti, Amara Omeokwe and Lindsay Wise, June 22, 2022, 3:39 PM

President Biden called for a three-month suspension of federal gasoline and diesel taxes a move that is unlikely to have the support needed to pass in Congress and one economists and business leaders say would do little to address record-high gas prices. "I fully understand that the gas tax holiday alone is not going to fix the problem, but it will provide families some immediate relief," Mr. Biden said at the White House on Wednesday. "Just a little bit of breathing room." [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [CNN](#), [NYT](#), [USA Today](#)

**CNN: Senate will take critical vote to advance bipartisan gun bill toward final passage**, Clare Foran, Lauren Fox, Ali Zaslav and Ted Barrett, June 23, 2022, 6:00 AM

The Senate is poised to take a critical vote on Thursday to advance a major bipartisan gun safety bill toward final passage. The vote is expected to succeed with Republican support, putting the legislation on a path to pass the Senate as soon as this week. The bipartisan gun deal represents the first major federal gun safety legislation in decades. It includes millions of dollars for mental health, school safety, crisis intervention programs and incentives for states to include juvenile records in the National Instant Criminal Background Check System. [[Continue Reading](#)]

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**Roll Call: Gun bill expands school safety spending beyond security**, Michael Macagnone, June 23, 2022, 5:00 AM

Mill Creek Township School District in Pennsylvania plans to upgrade its surveillance cameras, radios and a door monitoring system with a \$500,000 federal grant, one of hundreds awarded across the country over the

past four years as part of a \$1 billion program Congress passed to address school violence. But Superintendent Ian Roberts said the grant won't cover upgrades like security vestibules on its more than 40 entrances at 10 schools, and the district can't afford that immediately. "From an infrastructure standpoint, there's still some things that are lacking in this and other districts," Roberts said. [[Continue Reading](#)]

## **NETWORK EVENING NEWS LINEUP: JUNE 22, 2022**

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

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

**NBC: Nightly News with Lester Holt**

- President Joe Biden on Wednesday called on Congress to suspend federal gasoline and diesel taxes for three months — an election-year move meant to ease financial pressures that was greeted with doubts by many lawmakers. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- The Wall Street Journal is reporting that the Food and Drug Administration is about to order Juul to stop selling its e-cigarettes. Officials began investigating Juul for targeting teens as underage vaping skyrocketed. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#)]
- Texas state Sen. Roland Gutierrez is suing the Department of Public Safety over access to records about the Uvalde school shooting. Meanwhile, Uvalde's mayor is slamming the department, saying it's keeping residents in the dark about the investigation. [[CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- The U.S. Senate took an initial step toward passing the country's first major gun-control legislation in decades on Tuesday, galvanized by two mass shootings in a nation that has long struggled to curb chronic gun violence. [[ABC](#), [NBC](#)]
- The House select committee investigating the Jan. 6, 2021, attack on the U.S. Capitol is ramping up its investigation this week as new evidence emerges, including dozens of hours of footage from filmmaker Alex Holder's upcoming three-part documentary series. [[CBS](#)]
- Cerebral, an online mental health provider, faces growing scrutiny over its prescribing practices, including a Justice Department investigation. CBS News has an exclusive interview with the company's CEO to address the concerns. [[CBS](#)]
- A nuclear scientist from Texas, who's credited with designing sensitive technology found in dozens of laser-guided weapons systems used by the U.S. military, was rescued from war-torn Ukraine. [[ABC](#)]

## **MORNING HEADLINES**

- “Fed’s Powell to Head to the House With Rates in Focus” [[WSJ](#)]
- “Germany Looks at Potential Rationing of Natural Gas After Russia Cuts Supply” [[WSJ](#)]
- “Jan. 6 Hearing to Focus on How Trump Pressured Justice Officials” [[WSJ](#), [NYT](#), [WaPo](#)]
- “California primary’s lesson for pundits: Don’t speak too soon in the age of mail-in voting” [[LAT](#)]

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## MORNING HEADLINES

- "Hundreds Killed in Afghanistan Earthquake" [[WSJ](#), [NYT](#), [WaPo](#), [LAT](#)]
- "Trump's pressure drew violence, threats to resistant officials, committee reveals" [[WaPo](#), [LAT](#)]
- "Bipartisan Gun Bill Clears Initial Vote in Senate" [[NYT](#), [WaPo](#), [LAT](#)]
- "Investigators probing 'deputy gang' violence were told not to ask about Banditos, chief says" [[LAT](#)]

## US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE NEWS

**AP: Facebook and US sign deal to end discriminatory housing ads**, Larry Neumeister , June 21, 2022, 4:00 PM

Facebook will change its algorithms to prevent discriminatory housing advertising and its parent company will subject itself to court oversight to settle a lawsuit brought by the U.S. Department of Justice on Tuesday. In a release, U.S. government officials said it had reached agreement with Meta Platforms Inc., formerly known as Facebook Inc., to settle the lawsuit filed simultaneously in Manhattan federal court. According to the release, it was the Justice Department's first case challenging algorithmic discrimination under the Fair Housing Act. Facebook will now be subject to Justice Department approval and court oversight for its ad targeting and delivery system. [[Continue Reading](#)] See also: [CNBC](#), [Daily Beast](#), [Guardian](#), [The Hill](#), [Insider](#), [NY Daily News](#), [NYT](#), [VOA](#), [WaPo](#)

**NYT: Garland, Visiting Ukraine, Names Prosecutor to Investigate Russian War Crimes**, Glenn Thrush, June 22, 2022, 12:17 a.m.

Attorney General Merrick B. Garland said during a surprise trip to Ukraine on Tuesday that a veteran prosecutor known for investigating former Nazis would lead American efforts in tracking Russian war criminals. Mr. Garland's visit, part of scheduled stops in Poland and Paris this week, was intended to bolster U.S. and international support in helping Ukraine identify, apprehend and prosecute Russians involved in war crimes and other atrocities. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [Reuters](#), [CBS](#), [Daily Caller](#), [CNN](#), [Courthouse News](#), [Forbes](#), [Insider](#), [Law360](#), [NBC](#), [NY Post](#), [Politico](#), [Reuters](#), [Spectrum News](#), [UPI](#), [USA Today](#), [Washington Examiner](#), [The Week](#), [WPTV-NBC \(West Palm Beach, FL\)](#), [WSJ](#)

**Fox: DOJ allowing illegal protests outside SCOTUS justices' homes despite federal law, former officials say**, Timothy H.J. Nerozzi, June 21, 2022, 4:27 PM

The Department of Justice has failed to enforce a federal statute which prohibits protests, pickets, and other forms of intimidation outside the home of judges. It is illegal under federal law to attempt to influence a judge's ruling or interfere with the discharge of their duty. However, the Department of Justice has thus far refused to interfere with demonstrators outside the homes of several Supreme Court justices, including Justices Clarence Thomas, Amy Coney Barrett, and Brett Kavanaugh. While the DOJ has provided security at the justices' homes, they have allowed protests and picketing to continue unimpeded. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

## NATIONAL SECURITY

**AP: Maine Man Charged With Entering US Capitol on Jan 6**, Unattributed, June 21, 2022, 5:19 PM

Another Maine man who entered the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6 is facing federal charges, officials said Tuesday. Todd Tilley, 61, of South Paris, was arrested without incident Tuesday, the FBI said. It was not known if he had an attorney. He's charged with entering a restricted building, disorderly conduct in a restricted building, disorderly conduct in the U.S. Capitol, and parading, demonstrating or picketing in the Capitol. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [The Republican \(Springfield, MA\)](#)

**AP: Phone call between WNBA's Griner and wife being rescheduled**, Eric Tucker, June 21, 2022, 2:30 PM

A phone call between jailed WNBA star Brittney Griner and her wife is being rescheduled after an earlier attempt to connect on the couple's anniversary failed because of an "unfortunate mistake," Biden administration officials said Tuesday. White House press secretary Karine Jean-Pierre told reporters that the State Department was working to arrange a new call but did not say when that would be. State Department spokesman Ned Price said the call could not be completed because of a "logistical error" that officials have worked quickly to fix so that a new call can take place. Griner was to have spoken with her wife Cherelle on Saturday, the couple's fourth anniversary, for the first time since her arrest in Russia in mid-February. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**WaPo: [OPINION] How Russia's vaunted cyber capabilities were frustrated in Ukraine**, David Ignatius, June 21, 2022, 6:48 PM

A quiet partnership of the world's biggest technology companies, U.S. and NATO intelligence agencies, and Ukraine's own nimble army of hackers has pulled off one of the surprises of the war with Russia, largely foiling the Kremlin's brazen internet hacking operations. Russia's cyber-reversals haven't resulted from lack of trying. Microsoft counts nearly 40 Russian

destructive attacks between Feb. 23 and April 8, and Rob Joyce, the National Security Agency's cybersecurity director, said the Russians had attempted an "enormous" cyber offensive. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**Bloomberg: Ukraine Warns of New Malware Campaign Tied to Russian Hackers**, Jack Gillum, June 21, 2022, 2:22 PM

Ukrainian cybersecurity officials said Tuesday that a prominent Russian-backed hacking group is behind a new wave of malware attacks being spread via innocuous-looking emails. The Ukrainian Computer Emergency Response Team said emails warning of unpaid taxes or nuclear terrorism are, in fact, ruses for delivering malicious software. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**The Hill: Former NSA chief warns of Russian cyberattacks against US financial sector**, Ines Kagubare, June 21, 2022, 6:44 PM

Retired Gen. Keith Alexander, the former National Security Agency chief and head of U.S. Cyber Command, warned Tuesday that Russian President Vladimir Putin is likely to unleash cyberattacks against the U.S. financial sector as retaliation for the West's involvement in its war with Ukraine. Alexander said Putin has stated that the U.S. was intending to launch cyberattacks against Russian banks following sanctions that crippled the country's economy. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**KSTP-ABC (Saint Paul, MN): 9th Minnesotan charged in Jan. 6 Capitol riot**, Josh Skluzacek, June 21, 2022, 11:51 AM

Another Minnesotan has been charged with federal crimes in connection to the Jan. 6, 2021, U.S. Capitol riot. Frank Joseph Bratjan Jr. was arrested last Wednesday and is charged with entering a restricted building, disorderly conduct in a restricted building, disorderly conduct in a Capitol building and demonstrating in a Capitol building. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Patch \(Eagan, MN\)](#)

## JAN. 6 HEARINGS

**Reuters: Former Justice Dept officials to testify Thursday at a hearing of House Jan 6 panel**, Eric Beech, June 22, 2022, 4:12 AM

Three officials from ex-President Donald Trump's Justice Department will testify on Thursday at a hearing of the U.S. House of Representatives committee investigating the Jan. 6, 2021, attack on the U.S. Capitol, the panel said in a statement. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**Reuters: Takeaways from fourth day of Jan. 6 U.S. Capitol riot hearings**, Richard Cowan and Patricia Zengerle, June 21, 2022, 8:16 PM

The fourth day of the hearings in the U.S. Congress on the Jan. 6, 2021 assault on the Capitol by former President Donald Trump's supporters featured testimony by election officials from the states of Arizona and Georgia. Here are five takeaways from the fourth of the U.S. House of Representatives Select Committee on Jan. 6's hearings this month. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Bloomberg](#), [Newsweek](#)

**LAT: [EDITORIAL] These California congressmen betrayed voters on Jan. 6**, Editorial Board, June 22, 2022, 6:00 AM

As the nation absorbs the revelations from the congressional hearings on the deadly Jan. 6, 2021, attack on the U.S. Capitol — among them, that then-President Trump was surrounded by aides telling him there was no evidence of voter fraud and that his scheme to have Vice President Mike Pence overturn the election results was illegal — voters must remember that 147 members of Congress were complicit in the attempted coup. These eight senators and

139 House members were in the Capitol that day because voters elected them to run our representative democracy [[Continue Reading](#)]

**LAT: Thursday's Jan. 6 hearing to explore 'the effort to corrupt the Justice Department'**, Anumita Kaur, June 21, 2022, 8:38 PM

The House hearings investigating the catalysts behind the Jan. 6 attack on the Capitol will continue Thursday and is expected to explore then-President Trump's efforts to pressure the Justice Department in the days after the election. The hearing will examine Trump's "attempt to corrupt the country's top law enforcement body, the Justice Department, to support his attempt to overturn election," House select committee Chairman Rep. Bennie Thompson (D-Miss.) said during his closing remarks at Tuesday's hearing. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**WaPo: How the Jan. 6 hearings could complicate the upcoming Proud Boys trial**, Devlin Barrett and Spencer S. Hsu, June 21, 2022, 7:04 PM

A federal judge will hear arguments Wednesday on whether to delay one of the Justice Department's signature Jan. 6 criminal trials out of concern that a high-profile congressional investigation into the Capitol breach may have generated key evidence that prosecutors and defense lawyers have not seen. Five alleged members of the extremist group the Proud Boys, including their former leader Henry "Enrique" Tarrío, are due to go on trial Aug. 8 on charges of seditious conspiracy. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Politico](#)

**WaPo: [OPINION] Those ignoring the Jan. 6 revelations are guaranteeing more violence**, Dana Milbank, June 21, 2022, 6:49 PM

Rep. Adam Kinzinger (Ill.), one of two Republicans on the House Jan. 6 committee, recently made public a letter mailed to his home threatening to kill him, his wife and his 5-month-old child. "There's violence in the future, I'm going to tell you," he said on ABC's "This Week." "And until we get a grip on telling people the truth, we can't expect any differently." The ongoing threat of violence was at the core of Tuesday's hearing of the select committee, which explored the campaign by President Donald Trump and his lawyers to pressure state legislators and election officials to overturn the election results — and the harassment, intimidation and threats they set off. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**Bloomberg: Trump-Inspired Menacing of Officials Dominates Jan. 6 Hearing**, Mike Dorning, Billy House, and Chris Strohm, June 21, 2022, 5:56 PM

State officials who resisted pressure from Donald Trump to overturn election results testified Tuesday to withstanding an atmosphere of escalating menace including armed protesters massing outside their homes, public accusations of pedophilia and, in one case, a break-in at his daughter-in-law's home. Arizona House Speaker Rusty Bowers, a Republican who backed Trump's re-election but refused to help him de-certify the outcome, told the House panel investigating the Jan. 6, 2021, Capitol insurrection of continuing protests unnerving his "gravely ill" daughter and "valiant" wife. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [CBS](#), [CNN](#), [Courthouse News](#), [NBC](#), [NPR](#), [Roll Call](#), [WaPo](#), [WSJ](#)

**WaPo: [OPINION] Rusty Bowers proves to be the Jan. 6 committee's most compelling witness yet**, Jennifer Rubin, June 21, 2022, 4:23 PM

Whether or not the accumulating pile of evidence against Donald Trump induces Attorney General Merrick Garland to indict the defeated former president or his associates for their attempted coup, all but the MAGA cultists should understand that Trump and his chief of staff Mark Meadows personally executed the illegal scheme to create alternate slates of electors. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**LAT: 'I will not break my oath': Arizona Assembly speaker details Trump's pressure to help overturn results,"** Sarah D. Wire, June 21, 2022, 1:14 PM

Tuesday's hearing by the House panel investigating the Jan. 6, 2021, attack on the Capitol is zeroing in on Trump's personal involvement in efforts to pressure state election officials to subvert the will of voters and to persuade lawmakers to submit false slates of electors backing him to Congress. Arizona House Speaker Rusty Bowers, Georgia Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger and Georgia Secretary of State Chief Operating Officer Gabriel Sterling, all Republicans, are testifying about the actions of Trump and those in his inner circle before the committee in its fourth hearing this month. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Bloomberg](#)

**LAT: Jan. 6 panel to receive Trump family footage from 2020 election and Capitol insurrection,** Sarah D. Wire, June 21, 2022, 12:34 PM

British filmmaker Alex Holder on Tuesday complied with a subpoena to turn over to the House Select Committee investigating Jan. 6, 2021, documentary footage he filmed during the final six weeks of President Trump's reelection campaign along with footage of the attack on the Capitol. The footage includes exclusive interviews with President Trump, his children Ivanka, Eric and Don Jr. and son-in-law Jared Kushner, as well as Vice President Mike Pence. The videos could give the committee a never-before-seen view of the president and vice president's thoughts and actions before and after the election. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**Fox: How powerful testimony from state Republicans highlighted Trump pressure campaign,** Howard Kurtz, June 22, 2022, 3:00 AM

The one-sided nature of yesterday's House hearing began with the Democratic chairman, Bennie Thompson, pronouncing Donald Trump guilty as charged. The panel had important witnesses from Georgia and Arizona lined up to tell their stories, and yet this sounded like a prosecutor's opening statement, underscoring the fact that the Jan. 6 committee has no Republicans offering a semblance of the defense. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**CNN: [ANALYSIS] The 14 most important lines from today's January 6 committee hearing,** Chris Cillizza, June 21, 2022, 4:33 PM

The January 6 committee held its fourth public hearing on Tuesday, focusing on Donald Trump's pressure campaign on officials in states like Georgia and Arizona, where the 2020 election was close. I watched the hearing and took notes on the lines from it that you need to see. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**Insider: Liz Cheney says the House January 6 committee is 'certain' Donald Trump doesn't want his former top White House lawyer to testify,** Ryan Barber, June 21, 2022, 6:00 PM

Rep. Liz Cheney publicly called Tuesday for former White House counsel Pat Cipollone to testify before the House committee investigating the January 6, 2021, attack on the Capitol, saying the panel had evidence that he "tried to do what was right" as former President Donald Trump tried to overturn the 2020 election. "Our committee is certain that Donald Trump does not want Mr. Cipollone to testify here. Indeed, our evidence shows that Mr. Cipollone and his office tried to do what was right. They tried to stop a number of President Trump's plans for January 6," said Cheney, a Wyoming Republican who serves as vice chair of the House January 6 committee. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**MSNBC: [VIDEO] Ruby Freeman: 'FBI informed me I needed to leave my home for safety' ahead of Jan. 6,** Unattributed, June 21, 2022, 5:00 PM

In a video testimony Ruby Freeman detailed the FBI asking her to leave her home ahead of Jan. 6 for safety reasons. Freeman worked during the 2020 election to process ballots in

Fulton County. She said she received threats ahead of Jan. 6 related to claims of a stolen election and that is what prompted the FBI to ask her to leave her house. [[Watch](#)]

## CRIMINAL LAW

**WSJ: Lawyers Make Final Arguments in Fraud Case Against Former Theranos President**, Heather Somerville, June 21, 2022, 7:52 PM

Government prosecutors in the criminal-fraud trial of Theranos Inc.'s former second-in-command, Ramesh "Sunny" Balwani, made their final pitch to the jury in closing arguments Tuesday, as the Silicon Valley case moves closer to a resolution. Assistant U.S. Attorney Jeff Schenk said that Mr. Balwani, longtime president and chief operating officer of the now-defunct blood-testing startup, had full knowledge of the fraud he was committing because he was in charge of Theranos's laboratory and was well-informed of its many problems with test accuracy and reliability—and fired employees who raised concerns. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**WaPo: Woman indicted for Instagram post targeting witnesses at gang trial**, Salvador Rizzo, June 21, 2022, 5:47 PM

A woman accused of posting an Instagram message listing five people who were scheduled to testify in a gang murder and racketeering trial and terming each of them a "snitch" has been indicted on a charge of witness tampering. Prosecutors said Keira Ta published the Instagram post in April that gave the address for the federal courthouse in Alexandria, where the trial was about to begin, and listed the five witnesses, adding "snitch" next to each name. The post also indicated the five would be testifying between Tuesday and Thursday. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**CNN: Justice Department to drop 31 remaining fraud charges against Michael Avenatti following guilty plea**, Kara Scannell, June 21, 2022, 3:06 PM

The Justice Department will drop the remaining fraud counts facing disgraced attorney Michael Avenatti after he agreed to plead guilty to multiple charges last week. Prosecutors with the US attorney's office for the Central District of California said in a court filing Tuesday they wouldn't move ahead with the remaining 31 counts of wire fraud, bank fraud and tax-related charges because the judge can consider those allegations when he sentences Avenatti in September. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Fox](#), [UPI](#)

**Law360: [ANALYSIS] Potential Next Steps For DOJ's COVID-19 Fraud Enforcement**, Scott Memmott, Jake Harper and Jonathan York, June 21, 2022, 6:04 PM

Fraud stemming from the COVID-19 pandemic continues to be a criminal enforcement priority for the U. S. Department of Justice. As evidence of its commitment, U. S. Attorney General Merrick Garland established the DOJ COVID-19 fraud enforcement task force on May 17, 2021, to facilitate coordination with more than a dozen federal agencies to investigate and prosecute "the most culpable domestic and international criminals," according to a DOJ press release. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**Booth Newspapers (Grand Rapids, MI): Michigan prisoner sentenced for mailing anthrax threat to federal court in Kalamazoo**, Marie Weidmayer, June 21, 2022, 4:46 PM

A Michigan prisoner who mailed letters threatening an anthrax attack and to kill people was sentenced to prison. Nathon James Zink, 34, was sentenced June 21 to just over nine years in prison for mailing threatening communication to a federal employee and five years for mailing threatening communication after he pleaded guilty March 8. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [WJBK-Fox \(Detroit, MI\)](#), [WOOD-NBC \(Grand Rapids, MI\)](#), [WXMI-Fox \(Grand Rapids, MI\)](#)

**KOIN-CBS (Portland, OR): Molotov cocktails, baseball bats: Portland protester gets prison**, Michaela Bourgeois, June 21, 2022, 11:13 PM

An Indiana man was sentenced to federal prison on Tuesday for possessing destructive devices during 2020 Portland protests, the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Oregon announced. 25-year-old Malik Fard Muhammad was sentenced to 10 years in federal prison with three years' supervised release. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [KPTV-Fox \(Portland, OR\)](#)

## CIVIL RIGHTS

**WPSD-NBC (Paducah, KY): Two former Louisville officers plead guilty to federal civil rights charges**, Charity Blanton, June 21, 2022, 8:00 PM

Two former Louisville Metropolitan Police Department officers have plead guilty to conspiracy to violate the civil rights of pedestrians through the arbitrary use of force, oppression, and intimidation. One of the two also pled guilty to a separate cyberstalking conspiracy charge. According to court documents, Bryan Wilson and Curt Flynn assaulted and attempted to assault multiple pedestrians while working as detectives with the LMPD Ninth Mobile Division. [[Continue Reading](#)]

## CIVIL LAW

**Law360: 20 States Ask 5th Circ. To Block Biden's Contractor Vax Order**, Rae Varona , June 21, 2022, 4:07 PM

Twenty states have asked the Fifth Circuit to uphold a lower court decision to block the Biden administration's widely challenged COVID-19 vaccine mandate for federal contractors, saying the mandate exceeded the White House's authority under a federal procurement act. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**Law360: DaVita Gets All Clear To Return No-Poach Docs**, Bryan Koenig, June 21, 2022, 2:57 PM

An Illinois federal judge gave DaVita the permission it needed Monday to dispose of confidential documents produced by the U.S. Department of Justice in its failed criminal no-poach case, deeming it sufficient for follow-on civil plaintiffs that the company will return what DOJ gave it. [[Continue Reading](#)]

## IMMIGRATION & BORDER SECURITY

**LAT: A 9th Circuit panel tossed California's ban on private immigration facilities. That could change on appeal**, Rebecca Schneid, June 22, 2022, 12:02 AM

Lawyers for a private prison company traded arguments with the State of California before the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals in Pasadena on Tuesday over a lawsuit challenging state legislation banning private, for-profit prisons and immigration detention centers. Although no ruling has been made, the outcome of the case could affect the future of the private prison industry in several states beyond California. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**NYT: Companies Brace for Impact of New Forced Labor Law**, Ana Swanson, June 22, 2022, 12:00 AM

A sweeping new law aimed at cracking down on Chinese forced labor could have significant

— and unanticipated — ramifications for American companies and consumers. The law, which went into effect on Tuesday, bars products from entering the United States if they have any links to Xinjiang, the far-western region where the Chinese authorities have carried out an extensive crackdown on Uyghur Muslims and other ethnic minorities. That could affect a wide range of products, including those using any raw materials from Xinjiang or with a connection to the type of Chinese labor and poverty alleviation programs the U.S. government has deemed coercive — even if the finished product used just a tiny amount of material from Xinjiang somewhere along its journey. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [NBC, Law360](#)

**Fox: [OPINION] Biden's open borders encourage child trafficking and smuggling,**  
Robert Law, June 21, 2022, 2:00 PM

Then-candidate Joe Biden, and every other 2020 contender for the Democratic ticket, vowed to suspend all deportations for the first 100 days and try to push through a massive amnesty. That pledge, combined with disastrous immigration policies out of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) since Biden's inauguration, has fueled a historic and sustained border crisis. In May, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) apprehended 239,416 illegal aliens, breaking April's then-record of 234,088, which broke March's then-record of 222,339. By comparison, May 2019 witnessed 144,116 apprehensions and May 2021 had 180,597. [[Continue Reading](#)]

## ANTITRUST

**Reuters: Big Tech bill advocates and critics keep pressure on U.S. lawmakers,**  
Unattributed, June 21, 2022, 4:01 PM

Supporters of a U.S. bill aimed at reining in Big Tech platforms like [Amazon.com](#) (AMZN.O) and Alphabet's Google (GOOGL.O) have flooded lawmakers with nearly 4,000 phone calls, while critics of the legislation sent a letter telling senators it would "harm consumers." Versions of the bill have progressed further than any previous Big Tech antitrust legislation, with strong bipartisan support in the House of Representatives and Senate. [[Continue Reading](#)]

## FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES

**Fox: US Marshals still searching for Alcatraz inmates who may have survived escape 60 years ago,**  
Brie Stimson, June 22, 2022, 4:10 AM

The U.S. Marshals Service released three age-progressed photos last week of inmates who broke out of Alcatraz in June 1962. The inmates, Frank Morris and brothers Clarence and John Anglin, made their escape 60 years ago by climbing through the prison's vents and pipes to the roof, sliding down on a smokestack and navigating the cold waters of San Francisco Bay in a raft made of prison raincoats following months of planning. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Daily Beast](#), [KGO-ABC \(San Francisco, CA\)](#)

**The Hill: Vote on Biden ATF pick nears as gun reform talks yield fruit,**  
Alex Gangitano and Brett Samuels, June 22, 2022, 5:07 AM

The Senate is poised to confirm President Biden's pick to head the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), a big moment for the White House after it had to pull its last nominee before the latest string of deadly mass shootings. Confirming Steve Dettelbach would be a victory for Biden, who has promised to be tough on guns but has waited on the sidelines as a bipartisan group of senators nails down a package on gun

violence prevention that falls far short of Democratic goals. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**KNXV-ABC (Phoenix, AZ): Valley law enforcement to launch new approach to gun violence investigations**, Jack Gillum, June 22, 2022, 1:23 AM

Endless stories of how rampant gun violence in the Valley has upended lives has led area law enforcement to launch a new enforcement effort. [...] Phoenix police, county prosecutors and ATF are planning to launch a multi-faceted approach to enforcing gun violence. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**KTBS-ABC (Shreveport, LA): 171 arrests made in Natchitoches, Grant, Rapides parishes**, Unattributed, June 21, 2022, 7:00 PM

Law enforcement officers from multiple agencies in Natchitoches, Grant and Rapides parishes joined forces over the past two weeks to make 171 arrests and seize guns and drugs off the streets. The special operation was headed up by the Central Louisiana Violent Crime Abatement Team (VCAT) comprised of Louisiana State Police, Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms (ATF), Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI), Louisiana Probation and Parole, Rapides Parish Sheriff's Office, Natchitoches Parish Sheriff's Office, Grant Parish Sheriff's Office, Sabine Parish Sheriff's Office, Pineville Police Department, Alexandria Police Department, Natchitoches City Police Department, Lecompte Police Department, Ball Police Department, Boyce Police Department, Glenmora Police Department, Woodworth Police Department, Alexandria City Marshal's Office, Pineville City Marshal's Office and Louisiana National Guard. [[Continue Reading](#)]

## CRIMINAL JUSTICE/CORRECTIONS

**AP: Judge keeps execution for inmate who sought pastor's touch**, Juan Lozano, June 21, 2022, 4:00 PM

A Texas judge on Tuesday denied a request by a district attorney who called capital punishment "unethical" to withdraw the execution date of a death row inmate whose case had raised legal questions about the role of spiritual advisers in the death chamber. On April 12, an order was signed setting John Henry Ramirez's execution for Oct. 5. Ramirez's execution had been put on hold several times, most recently after the U.S. Supreme Court agreed to review his challenge of state rules that would have prevented his pastor from touching him and praying aloud during his execution. [[Continue Reading](#)]

## US SUPREME COURT

**AP: Supreme Court limits reach of federal gun crime law**, Jessica Gresko, June 21, 2022, 4:00 PM

The Supreme Court on Tuesday limited the reach of a federal statute that requires stiff penalties for crimes involving a gun. The 7-2 decision united both conservative and liberal justices, though one dissenting justice compared the result to "Alice in Wonderland." The justices said the law can't be used to lengthen the sentences of criminals convicted of a specific attempted robbery offense. The case before the justices involved Justin Taylor, who in the early 2000s was a marijuana dealer in the area of Richmond, Virginia. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Bloomberg Law](#), [CNN](#), [WaPo](#)

**Reuters: U.S. Supreme Court strikes down Washington workers' comp law for nuclear site**, Daniel Wiessner, June 21, 2022, 3:42 PM

The U.S. Supreme Court on Tuesday said the state of Washington could not in a 2018 law

lower the bar for federal contractors who work at a decommissioned nuclear weapons plant to receive workers' compensation benefits. Justice Stephen Breyer wrote for the unanimous court that the state could not single out the Hanford, Washington facility in the law because the federal government had not explicitly waived its typical immunity from discriminatory state laws with respect to workers' compensation. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**AP: Justices rule religious schools must get Maine tuition aid**, Mark Sherman, June 21, 2022, 2:00 PM

The Supreme Court ruled Tuesday that Maine can't exclude religious schools from a program that offers tuition aid for private education, a decision that could ease religious organizations' access to taxpayer money. The 6-3 outcome could fuel a renewed push for school choice programs in some of the 18 states that have so far not directed taxpayer money to private, religious education. The most immediate effect of the court's ruling beyond Maine probably will be felt next door in Vermont, which has a similar program. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [CNN](#), [NBC](#), [NPR](#), [NYT](#), [Politico](#), [SCOTUSblog](#), [WaPo](#), [WSJ](#)

**Reuters: Supreme Court to consider whether U.S. can drop whistleblower cases**, Brendan Pierson, June 21, 2022, 1:59 PM

The U.S. Supreme Court on Tuesday agreed to hear a case over whether the federal government can dismiss a whistleblower lawsuit brought on its behalf without the whistleblower's consent, an issue that has divided appeals courts. The case was brought against UnitedHealth Group Inc subsidiary Executive Health Resources Inc by a former employee, Jesse Polansky, who accused the company of falsely certifying inpatient hospital admissions as medically necessary, resulting in Medicare being overbilled by potentially billions of dollars. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [SCOTUS Blog](#)

**USA Today: Supreme Court justices don't have a code of ethics. Hundreds of judges say that's a problem**, Tami Abdollah, June 22, 2022, 5:57 AM

Hundreds of judges across the United States said U.S. Supreme Court justices should be bound by a code of ethics – and many said they were shocked to find out that wasn't already the case. The National Judicial College surveyed judges across the nation on whether the Supreme Court should be held to a higher standard. The survey came amid a contentious and high-profile U.S. Supreme Court calendar that has involved questions of bias, as well as investigations into Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas' family ties to the Jan. 6, 2021 insurrection at the U.S. Capitol. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**WaPo: [OPINION] How Supreme Court ruling lays groundwork for religious charter schools**, Valerie Strauss, June 21, 2022, 10:23 PM

Less than a month ago, attorney and education policy scholar Kevin Welner wrote on this blog that the Supreme Court would probably further erode the separation of church and state in a case known as Carson v. Makin, which was brought to expand voucher policies that provide public money for private and religious education. It did just that on Tuesday, ruling that the state of Maine cannot deny tuition aid to religious schools. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**WSJ: [EDITORIAL] Justice Sotomayor's Class-Action Consolation Prize**, Editorial Board, June 21, 2022, 6:30 PM

The Supreme Court last week ruled 8-1 (*Viking River Cruises v. Moriana*) that California's Private Attorneys General Act (PAGA)—aka the trial lawyer enrichment act—doesn't supersede class-action waivers. Now watch unions and trial lawyers turn lemons into lemonade with a recipe from Justice Sonia Sotomayor. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**WSJ: New York vs. New Jersey Port Fight Heads to U.S. Supreme Court**, Paul Berger and Jess Bravin, June 21, 2022, 6:09 PM

The Supreme Court on Tuesday agreed to decide whether New Jersey can unilaterally pull out of a bistate crime-fighting agency it has operated with New York for decades. New York state officials in March asked the court to stop New Jersey from withdrawing from the Waterfront Commission of New York Harbor, a regulator set up almost 70 years ago to fight organized crime on the docks at the Port of New York and New Jersey. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**WaPo: The Supreme Court Has Just Eroded First Amendment Law**, Noah Feldman, June 21, 2022, 4:45 PM

In an extremely important church-and-state decision, the Supreme Court has held that if the state of Maine decides to pay for a child's private education in lieu of a public one, it must allow its tuition money to be used at religious schools. The 6-3 decision, *Carson v. Makin*, profoundly undermines existing First Amendment law. It represents the end of the centuries-old constitutional ban on direct state aid to the teaching of religion. And remarkably, it does all this in the name of religious liberty, giving the free-exercise clause of the First Amendment primacy over the establishment clause found in the exact same amendment. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**WaPo: With Supreme Court abortion ruling pending, protesters rally and wait**, Steve Thompson and Michelle Boorstein, June 21, 2022, 1:41 PM

Several dozen protesters from both sides of the abortion debate shouted, rallied and waved competing scripture interpretations outside the Supreme Court on Tuesday, one of the last days the court could release its decision in a case that directly challenges the constitutional right to abortion established in *Roe v. Wade* nearly 50 years ago. A decision didn't come, but advocates said they will return Thursday, the next time the decision could be announced. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**WaPo: Supreme Court rejects appeal from Roundup maker over cancer claims**, Ann E. Marimow, June 21, 2022, 12:23 PM

The Supreme Court on Tuesday let stand a multimillion-dollar verdict against the manufacturer of the popular weedkiller Roundup for failing to warn of cancer risks. The decision by the justices not to intervene clears the way for thousands of similar lawsuits against the company Bayer. The Biden administration had urged the court to deny the company's request, a departure from the Trump administration's position. [[Continue Reading](#)]  
**See also:** [LAT](#)

**NYT: The Major Supreme Court Decisions in 2022**, Adam Liptak and Jason Kao, June 21, 2022, 12:00 PM

The leak in May of a draft opinion that would overrule *Roe v. Wade* seemed to expose new fault lines at the Supreme Court in the first full term in which it has been dominated by a 6-to-3 conservative supermajority, including three justices appointed by President Donald J. Trump. The court's public approval ratings have been dropping, and its new configuration has raised questions about whether it is out of step with public opinion. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**CNN: [ANALYSIS] John Roberts played the long game on state funding of religious schools**, Joan Biskupic, June 22, 2022, 5:30 AM

Chief Justice John Roberts has been laying the groundwork for years for Tuesday's sweeping decision requiring states to fund religious education. But he always tried to signal some caution. Five years ago, in a financing dispute involving a church school in Missouri, he even added a footnote that said the Supreme Court decision applied only to money for playground resurfacing. Fellow conservatives called him out and suggested the caveat was

preposterous because the decision would, of course, reach other religious funding cases. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**NPR: [AUDIO] Meet The Man Who Helped Build The Court That May Overturn Roe**, Unattributed, June 21, 2022, 5:00 PM

As soon as Thursday, the Supreme Court could rule on *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*. A leaked draft opinion in that case showed a majority of justices agreeing to overturn *Roe v. Wade*, which would end the constitutional right to an abortion. However the court rules, this moment is the culmination of a decades-long effort by conservative activists around the country. [[Listen](#)]

**CNN: Justice Sonia Sotomayor continues her warnings of a dramatic conservative turn at the Supreme Court**, Ariane de Vogue, June 21, 2022, 4:00 PM

Justice Sonia Sotomayor made crystal clear on Tuesday that she believes the conservatives on the Supreme Court -- including three of President Donald Trump's nominees -- are set to move the country sharply to the right by eviscerating or ignoring decades of precedent on issues that most divide the public. Remaining cases this term include abortion, gun rights, the environment, immigration and a case involving a former public high school football coach who lost his job after leading prayers at the 50-yard line. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [The Hill](#)

**SCOTUSblog: Divided court rejects death-row prisoner's attempt to gather neurological evidence**, Mridula Raman, June 21, 2022, 3:00 PM

The Supreme Court on Tuesday dealt another blow to prisoners challenging their state-court convictions and sentences in federal court. In a 5-4 decision in *Shoop v. Twyford*, the justices limited the ability of federal courts to use the All Writs Act to order states to transport prisoners, even when such transport could help prisoners investigate whether their convictions are unconstitutional. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**Bloomberg Law: High Court Rules for Hospital Health Plan in Kidney Care Fight**, Lydia Wheeler, June 21, 2022, 10:37 AM

The Supreme Court Tuesday sided with an Ohio hospital's employee health plan in a dispute over how much it pays for kidney dialysis. In a 7-2 decision, the justices said Marietta Memorial Hospital and its employee health plan aren't discriminating against patients with end-stage renal disease (ESRD) by paying less for dialysis than other treatments because they're providing the same coverage for all kidney-care patients [[Continue Reading](#)]

## MARIJUANA LEGALIZATION

**Marijuana Moment: State Marijuana Protections Not Included In Justice Department Funding Bill, Despite Lawmakers' Pleas**, Kyle Jaeger, June 21, 2022, 7:00 PM

A much-anticipated congressional spending bill does not currently include provisions to protect all state, territory and tribal marijuana programs from Justice Department interference, despite pleas from dozens of bipartisan lawmakers. There were high hopes that such language could be attached to the base bill for the Fiscal Year 2023 appropriations for Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies (CJS) as introduced by congressional leaders. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**Marijuana Moment: Florida Official Awaits Justice Department's Response To Medical Marijuana Patients' Gun Rights Lawsuit This Week**, Kyle Jaeger, June 21, 2022, 12:30 PM

The Justice Department is due this week to respond to a marijuana lawsuit filed by Florida's

top agriculture official, who is also running as a Democratic gubernatorial candidate. The case concerns the constitutional rights of medical cannabis patients to purchase and possess firearms. Florida Agriculture Commissioner Nikki Fried spoke to Marijuana Moment about the case, how cannabis has played into her race for governor and the federal government's drug testing policy for marijuana in a phone interview on Friday. [[Continue Reading](#)]

## ADMINISTRATION

**Bloomberg: Biden to Call On Congress Wednesday to Pass Gas Tax Holiday**, Jennifer Jacobs and Josh Wingrove, June 21, 2022, 6:13 PM

President Joe Biden will call on Congress to enact a gasoline tax holiday, a person familiar with the plans says, as he looks to cool soaring pump prices heading into summer. Biden will make a statement Wednesday calling on Congress to enact the pause, the person said, speaking on condition of anonymity ahead of an announcement. The White House did not immediately respond to a request for comment. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [CNN](#), [The Hill](#), [NBC](#), [Reuters](#), [USA Today](#)

**Bloomberg Law: Biden's New Regulatory Playbook Targets Climate, Opioids**, Courtney Rozen, Andrea Vittorio, Ellen M. Gilmerat Pat Rizzuto, Ben Penn, Andrew Kreighbaum, June 21, 2022, 4:13 PM

President Joe Biden released his third regulatory to-do list Tuesday, detailing his ambitions to regulate consumer data use, treat opioid addiction, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The list, which includes more than 2,650 items, is the third of Biden's presidency. It offers a window into how the administration plans to use federal agencies in the coming months to advance its priorities. Its impact potentially ripples from multinational corporations to local agencies and average citizens. [[Continue Reading](#)]

## CONGRESS

**WSJ: Senate Begins Debate of Bipartisan Gun Control Bill**, Eliza Collins and Natalie Andrews, June 22, 2022, 12:42 AM

The Senate began debate Tuesday on bipartisan legislation intended to curb gun violence, in what would represent the first major federal change to gun laws in decades. Senators easily cleared the simple majority threshold required to advance the package, 64-34; final passage will need at least 60 votes. Debate on the proposed legislation is expected to continue through the week. Lawmakers who worked on the bill said they hope to have it pass the Senate before the chamber breaks next week for a two-week recess. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Bloomberg](#), [CBS](#), [The Hill](#), [NBC](#), [Reuters](#), [USA Today](#), [WaPo](#)

**WAGA-Fox (Atlanta, GA): Marjorie Taylor Greene accuses Democrat's chief of staff of vandalizing her sign, says DOJ won't prosecute**, Unattributed, June 21, 2022, 8:33 PM

Georgia Congresswoman Marjorie Taylor Greene said she finally knows who is responsible for "attacks on my office and my Christian faith." She is calling on the Department of Justice to take action. The Republican who represents Georgia's 14th Congressional District took to the floor of the House on Tuesday to present her evidence. [[Continue Reading](#)]

## NETWORK EVENING NEWS LINEUP: JUNE 21, 2022

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

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

**NBC: Nightly News with Lester Holt**

- The head of the Texas Department of Public Safety blasted the Uvalde school police chief's response to the shooting, saying his response was a "failure" and that the attack could have been stopped within three minutes after the gunman entered the school. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- Senate lawmakers say a tentative deal has been made on a bipartisan gun reform bill that would toughen federal gun laws and provide billions of dollars for school safety and mental health programs. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- Election officials from Arizona and Georgia testified about the pressure campaign they felt from former President Trump and the threats they received after being falsely accused of fraud at the fourth Jan. 6 public hearing today. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- The US State Department confirmed that 52-year-old Stephen Zabielski is the second American to be killed while fighting in Ukraine. An 8 year old boy was among at least 15 people killed in Ukraine during a Russian attack on Kharkiv, which remains under constant shelling. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- Hot temperatures turned tragic in Houston on Monday when Texas authorities say a 5-year-old boy died after being left in a car as temperatures topped 100 degrees. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#)]
- A plane's landing gear collapsed and caught fire when it touched down in Miami. There were 126 people on board. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#)]
- The Supreme Court is breaking down the barrier between church and state in their latest ruling. Maine gives taxpayer money to families who live in areas that don't have public high schools, but that public money is banned from being used in schools that offer religious instruction. [[NBC](#)]
- Certified Nursing Assistants have become the backbone to sustaining nursing homes since the start of the pandemic, but a recent survey shows 87% of providers are now facing shortages. [[CBS](#)]
- 64-year-old Judy Huth accused Bill Cosby of sexually assaulting her in 1975 at the Playboy Mansion when she was 16 and Cosby was 37. In court, Cosby's attorneys called her accusations "a complete and utter fabrication." [[NBC](#)]
- Football player Deshaun Watson reportedly settled sexual misconduct lawsuits with 20 women, according to the accusers' lawyer. The attorney says four more women's lawsuits are still moving forward. [[NBC](#)]
- With COVID vaccines now available for 20 million children under the age of 5, President Biden and the first lady visited a clinic in DC. where parents have been waiting for nearly a year and a half to get their kids vaccinated. [[CBS](#)]

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## **WASHINGTON & DOJ SCHEDULE: JUNE 22, 2022**

### **DOJ**

- No scheduled events.

### **SCOTUS**

- Opinions
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### **CONGRESS**

- 10:00 AM: Senate Judiciary Committee: Nominations.

- 2:30 PM: Senate Judiciary Committee: The Patent Trial and Appeal Board: Examining Proposals to Address Predictability, Certainty, and Fairness.

## US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE NEWS

**AP: Facebook and US sign deal to end discriminatory housing ads**, Larry Neumeister , June 21, 2022, 4:00 PM

Facebook will change its algorithms to prevent discriminatory housing advertising and its parent company will subject itself to court oversight to settle a lawsuit brought by the U.S. Department of Justice on Tuesday. In a release, U.S. government officials said it had reached agreement with Meta Platforms Inc., formerly known as Facebook Inc., to settle the lawsuit filed simultaneously in Manhattan federal court. According to the release, it was the Justice Department's first case challenging algorithmic discrimination under the Fair Housing Act. Facebook will now be subject to Justice Department approval and court oversight for its ad targeting and delivery system. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [CNBC](#), [Daily Beast](#), [Guardian](#), [The Hill](#), [Insider](#), [NY Daily News](#), [NYT](#), [VOA](#), [WaPo](#)

**Reuters: U.S. attorney general vows to help track down, prosecute Russian war criminals**, Sarah N. Lynch and Katharine Jackson, June 21, 2022, 11:49 AM

U.S. Attorney General Merrick Garland affirmed the United States' commitment to identify, arrest and prosecute those involved in war crimes and atrocities committed during Russia's invasion of Ukraine in a visit to that country on Tuesday. Garland met with Prosecutor General Iryna Venediktova near Lviv, Ukraine, and announced the creation of a team focused on war crimes accountability, the Justice Department said. "The United States is sending an unmistakable message. There is no place to hide. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [CBS](#), [Daily Caller](#), [CNN](#), [Courthouse News](#), [Forbes](#), [Insider](#), [Law360](#), [NBC](#), [NY Post](#), [Politico](#), [Reuters](#), [Spectrum News](#), [UPI](#), [USA Today](#), [Washington Examiner](#), [The Week](#), [WPTV-NBC \(West Palm Beach, FL\)](#), [WSJ](#)

**Fox: DOJ allowing illegal protests outside SCOTUS justices' homes despite federal law, former officials say**, Timothy H.J. Nerozzi, June 21, 2022, 4:27 PM

The Department of Justice has failed to enforce a federal statute which prohibits protests, pickets, and other forms of intimidation outside the home of judges. It is illegal under federal law to attempt to influence a judge's ruling or interfere with the discharge of their duty. However, the Department of Justice has thus far refused to interfere with demonstrators outside the homes of several Supreme Court justices, including Justices Clarence Thomas, Amy Coney Barrett, and Brett Kavanaugh. While the DOJ has provided security at the justices' homes, they have allowed protests and picketing to continue unimpeded. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

## US ATTORNEYS

**The Legal Intelligencer: Romero Selects Veteran Prosecutors and Former Big Law Alums to Flesh Out Leadership Team**, Max Mitchell, June 21, 2022, 7:04 PM

Jacqueline Romero, fresh off being sworn in as the U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, has installed a team of veteran prosecutors to comprise her leadership team and is sticking with several Big Law alumni to continue leading her civil division. "This seasoned leadership team of career public servants will bring to bear an extraordinary breadth and depth of experience and judgment to meet the threats our

communities face. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

## NATIONAL SECURITY

**AP: Maine Man Charged With Entering US Capitol on Jan 6**, Unattributed, June 21, 2022, 5:19 PM  
Another Maine man who entered the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6 is facing federal charges, officials said Tuesday. Todd Tilley, 61, of South Paris, was arrested without incident Tuesday, the FBI said. It was not known if he had an attorney. He's charged with entering a restricted building, disorderly conduct in a restricted building, disorderly conduct in the U.S. Capitol, and parading, demonstrating or picketing in the Capitol. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [The Republican \(Springfield, MA\)](#)

**AP: Phone call between WNBA's Griner and wife being rescheduled**, Eric Tucker, June 21, 2022, 2:30 PM  
A phone call between jailed WNBA star Brittney Griner and her wife is being rescheduled after an earlier attempt to connect on the couple's anniversary failed because of an "unfortunate mistake," Biden administration officials said Tuesday. White House press secretary Karine Jean-Pierre told reporters that the State Department was working to arrange a new call but did not say when that would be. State Department spokesman Ned Price said the call could not be completed because of a "logistical error" that officials have worked quickly to fix so that a new call can take place. Griner was to have spoken with her wife Cherelle on Saturday, the couple's fourth anniversary, for the first time since her arrest in Russia in mid-February. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**WaPo: [OPINION] How Russia's vaunted cyber capabilities were frustrated in Ukraine**, David Ignatius, June 21, 2022, 6:48 PM  
A quiet partnership of the world's biggest technology companies, U.S. and NATO intelligence agencies, and Ukraine's own nimble army of hackers has pulled off one of the surprises of the war with Russia, largely foiling the Kremlin's brazen internet hacking operations. Russia's cyber-reversals haven't resulted from lack of trying. Microsoft counts nearly 40 Russian destructive attacks between Feb. 23 and April 8, and Rob Joyce, the National Security Agency's cybersecurity director, said the Russians had attempted an "enormous" cyber offensive. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**Bloomberg: Ukraine Warns of New Malware Campaign Tied to Russian Hackers**, Jack Gillum, June 21, 2022, 2:22 PM  
Ukrainian cybersecurity officials said Tuesday that a prominent Russian-backed hacking group is behind a new wave of malware attacks being spread via innocuous-looking emails. The Ukrainian Computer Emergency Response Team said emails warning of unpaid taxes or nuclear terrorism are, in fact, ruses for delivering malicious software. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**WaPo: [ANALYSIS] Defense bill is a major cyber legislation opportunity for Rep. Langevin**, Aaron Schaffer, June 21, 2022, 7:36 AM  
Good morning and happy Tuesday! I'm filling in for Joe today. If you have a few minutes, check out these delightful photos from this year's Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show. Below: Georgia's secretary of state is set to testify before the Jan. 6 committee, and U.S. officials warn that Russia will "probably" try to interfere in this year's elections. First up. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**The Hill: Former NSA chief warns of Russian cyberattacks against US financial sector**, Ines

Kagubare, June 21, 2022, 6:44 PM

Retired Gen. Keith Alexander, the former National Security Agency chief and head of U.S. Cyber Command, warned Tuesday that Russian President Vladimir Putin is likely to unleash cyberattacks against the U.S. financial sector as retaliation for the West's involvement in its war with Ukraine. Alexander said Putin has stated that the U.S. was intending to launch cyberattacks against Russian banks following sanctions that crippled the country's economy. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**KSTP-ABC (Saint Paul, MN): 9th Minnesotan charged in Jan. 6 Capitol riot**, Josh Skluzacek, June 21, 2022, 11:51 AM

Another Minnesotan has been charged with federal crimes in connection to the Jan. 6, 2021, U.S. Capitol riot. Frank Joseph Bratjan Jr. was arrested last Wednesday and is charged with entering a restricted building, disorderly conduct in a restricted building, disorderly conduct in a Capitol building and demonstrating in a Capitol building. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Patch \(Eagan, MN\)](#)

## JAN. 6 HEARINGS

**Reuters: Former Justice Dept officials to testify Thursday at a hearing of House Jan 6 panel**, Eric Beech, June 22, 2022, 4:12 AM

Three officials from ex-President Donald Trump's Justice Department will testify on Thursday at a hearing of the U.S. House of Representatives committee investigating the Jan. 6, 2021, attack on the U.S. Capitol, the panel said in a statement. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**Reuters: Takeaways from fourth day of Jan. 6 U.S. Capitol riot hearings**, Richard Cowan and Patricia Zengerle, June 21, 2022, 8:16 PM

The fourth day of the hearings in the U.S. Congress on the Jan. 6, 2021 assault on the Capitol by former President Donald Trump's supporters featured testimony by election officials from the states of Arizona and Georgia. Here are five takeaways from the fourth of the U.S. House of Representatives Select Committee on Jan. 6's hearings this month. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Bloomberg](#), [Newsweek](#)

**LAT: [EDITORIAL] These California congressmen betrayed voters on Jan. 6**, Editorial Board, June 22, 2022, 6:00 AM

As the nation absorbs the revelations from the congressional hearings on the deadly Jan. 6, 2021, attack on the U.S. Capitol among them, that then-President Trump was surrounded by aides telling him there was no evidence of voter fraud and that his scheme to have Vice President Mike Pence overturn the election results was illegal voters must remember that 147 members of Congress were complicit in the attempted coup. These eight senators and 139 House members were in the Capitol that day because voters elected them to run our representative democracy [[Continue Reading](#)]

**LAT: Thursday's Jan. 6 hearing to explore 'the effort to corrupt the Justice Department'**, Anumita Kaur, June 21, 2022, 8:38 PM

The House hearings investigating the catalysts behind the Jan. 6 attack on the Capitol will continue Thursday and is expected to explore then-President Trump's efforts to pressure the Justice Department in the days after the election. The hearing will examine Trump's "attempt to corrupt the country's top law enforcement body, the Justice Department, to support his attempt to overturn election," House select committee Chairman Rep. Bennie Thompson (D-Miss.) said during his closing remarks at Tuesday's hearing. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**WaPo: How the Jan. 6 hearings could complicate the upcoming Proud Boys trial**, Devlin Barrett and

Spencer S. Hsu, June 21, 2022, 7:04 PM

A federal judge will hear arguments Wednesday on whether to delay one of the Justice Department's signature Jan. 6 criminal trials out of concern that a high-profile congressional investigation into the Capitol breach may have generated key evidence that prosecutors and defense lawyers have not seen. Five alleged members of the extremist group the Proud Boys, including their former leader Henry "Enrique" Tarrío, are due to go on trial Aug. 8 on charges of seditious conspiracy. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [Politico](#)

**WaPo: [OPINION] Those ignoring the Jan. 6 revelations are guaranteeing more violence**, Dana Milbank, June 21, 2022, 6:49 PM

Rep. Adam Kinzinger (Ill.), one of two Republicans on the House Jan. 6 committee, recently made public a letter mailed to his home threatening to kill him, his wife and his 5-month-old child. "There's violence in the future, I'm going to tell you," he said on ABC's "This Week." "And until we get a grip on telling people the truth, we can't expect any differently." The ongoing threat of violence was at the core of Tuesday's hearing of the select committee, which explored the campaign by President Donald Trump and his lawyers to pressure state legislators and election officials to overturn the election results and the harassment, intimidation and threats they set off. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**Bloomberg: Trump-Inspired Menacing of Officials Dominates Jan. 6 Hearing**, Mike Dorning, Billy House, and Chris Strohm, June 21, 2022, 5:56 PM

State officials who resisted pressure from Donald Trump to overturn election results testified Tuesday to withstanding an atmosphere of escalating menace including armed protesters massing outside their homes, public accusations of pedophilia and, in one case, a break-in at his daughter-in-law's home. Arizona House Speaker Rusty Bowers, a Republican who backed Trump's re-election but refused to help him de-certify the outcome, told the House panel investigating the Jan. 6, 2021, Capitol insurrection of continuing protests unnerving his "gravely ill" daughter and "valiant" wife. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [CBS](#), [CNN](#), [Courthouse News](#), [NBC](#), [NPR](#), [Roll Call](#), [WaPo](#), [WSJ](#)

**WaPo: [OPINION] Rusty Bowers proves to be the Jan. 6 committee's most compelling witness yet**, Jennifer Rubin, June 21, 2022, 4:23 PM

Whether or not the accumulating pile of evidence against Donald Trump induces Attorney General Merrick Garland to indict the defeated former president or his associates for their attempted coup, all but the MAGA cultists should understand that Trump and his chief of staff Mark Meadows personally executed the illegal scheme to create alternate slates of electors. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**LAT: 'I will not break my oath': Arizona Assembly speaker details Trump's pressure to help overturn results**," Sarah D. Wire, June 21, 2022, 1:14 PM

Tuesday's hearing by the House panel investigating the Jan. 6, 2021, attack on the Capitol is zeroing in on Trump's personal involvement in efforts to pressure state election officials to subvert the will of voters and to persuade lawmakers to submit false slates of electors backing him to Congress. Arizona House Speaker Rusty Bowers, Georgia Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger and Georgia Secretary of State Chief Operating Officer Gabriel Sterling, all Republicans, are testifying about the actions of Trump and those in his inner circle before the committee in its fourth hearing this month. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [Bloomberg](#)

**LAT: Jan. 6 panel to receive Trump family footage from 2020 election and Capitol insurrection**, Sarah D. Wire, June 21, 2022, 12:34 PM

British filmmaker Alex Holder on Tuesday complied with a subpoena to turn over to the House Select Committee investigating Jan. 6, 2021, documentary footage he filmed during the final six weeks of President Trump's reelection campaign along with footage of the attack on the Capitol. The footage includes exclusive

interviews with President Trump, his children Ivanka, Eric and Don Jr. and son-in-law Jared Kushner, as well as Vice President Mike Pence. The videos could give the committee a never-before-seen view of the president and vice president's thoughts and actions before and after the election. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**Fox: How powerful testimony from state Republicans highlighted Trump pressure campaign,** Howard Kurtz, June 22, 2022, 3:00 AM

The one-sided nature of yesterday's House hearing began with the Democratic chairman, Bennie Thompson, pronouncing Donald Trump guilty as charged. The panel had important witnesses from Georgia and Arizona lined up to tell their stories, and yet this sounded like a prosecutor's opening statement, underscoring the fact that the Jan. 6 committee has no Republicans offering a semblance of the defense. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**CNN: [ANALYSIS] The 14 most important lines from today's January 6 committee hearing,** Chris Cillizza, June 21, 2022, 4:33 PM

The January 6 committee held its fourth public hearing on Tuesday, focusing on Donald Trump's pressure campaign on officials in states like Georgia and Arizona, where the 2020 election was close. I watched the hearing and took notes on the lines from it that you need to see. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**Insider: Liz Cheney says the House January 6 committee is 'certain' Donald Trump doesn't want his former top White House lawyer to testify,** Ryan Barber, June 21, 2022, 6:00 PM

Rep. Liz Cheney publicly called Tuesday for former White House counsel Pat Cipollone to testify before the House committee investigating the January 6, 2021, attack on the Capitol, saying the panel had evidence that he "tried to do what was right" as former President Donald Trump tried to overturn the 2020 election. "Our committee is certain that Donald Trump does not want Mr. Cipollone to testify here. Indeed, our evidence shows that Mr. Cipollone and his office tried to do what was right. They tried to stop a number of President Trump's plans for January 6," said Cheney, a Wyoming Republican who serves as vice chair of the House January 6 committee. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**MSNBC: [VIDEO] Ruby Freeman: 'FBI informed me I needed to leave my home for safety' ahead of Jan. 6,** Unattributed, June 21, 2022, 5:00 PM

In a video testimony Ruby Freeman detailed the FBI asking her to leave her home ahead of Jan. 6 for safety reasons. Freeman worked during the 2020 election to process ballots in Fulton County. She said she received threats ahead of Jan. 6 related to claims of a stolen election and that is what prompted the FBI to ask her to leave her house. [[Watch](#)]

**Booth Newspapers (Grand Rapids, MI): Trump's push for Michigan 'fake electors' a focus of fourth Jan. 6 hearing,** Ben Orner, June 21, 2022, 4:58 PM

Former President Donald Trump tried to pressure legislators in Michigan and other swing states to subvert the 2020 election result by replacing Joe Biden's legitimate electoral college votes with "fake electors," the U.S. House select committee on the Jan. 6 insurrection argued Tuesday. The committee investigating Trump's influence on last year's U.S. Capitol riot played testimony of Michigan Senate Majority Leader Mike Shirkey recalling a White House meeting he and former House Speaker Lee Chatfield had a couple weeks after the election. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**KGUN-ABC (Tucson, AZ): House Select Committee investigating Jan. 6 announces next hearing witnesses,** Douglas Jones, June 21, 2022, 9:24 PM

The House Select Committee investigating the Jan. 6, 2021 attack on the U.S. Capitol has released a list of witnesses who will appear at Thursday's hearing on Capitol Hill. That hearing is expected to focus on the pressure then-President Trump put on the Department of Justice while making unfounded claims of voter

fraud. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

## CRIMINAL LAW

**WSJ: Lawyers Make Final Arguments in Fraud Case Against Former Theranos President**, Heather Somerville, June 21, 2022, 7:52 PM

Government prosecutors in the criminal-fraud trial of Theranos Inc.'s former second-in-command, Ramesh "Sunny" Balwani, made their final pitch to the jury in closing arguments Tuesday, as the Silicon Valley case moves closer to a resolution. Assistant U.S. Attorney Jeff Schenk said that Mr. Balwani, longtime president and chief operating officer of the now-defunct blood-testing startup, had full knowledge of the fraud he was committing because he was in charge of Theranos's laboratory and was well-informed of its many problems with test accuracy and reliability and fired employees who raised concerns. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**WaPo: Woman indicted for Instagram post targeting witnesses at gang trial**, Salvador Rizzo, June 21, 2022, 5:47 PM

A woman accused of posting an Instagram message listing five people who were scheduled to testify in a gang murder and racketeering trial and terming each of them a "snitch" has been indicted on a charge of witness tampering. Prosecutors said Keira Ta published the Instagram post in April that gave the address for the federal courthouse in Alexandria, where the trial was about to begin, and listed the five witnesses, adding "snitch" next to each name. The post also indicated the five would be testifying between Tuesday and Thursday. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**CNN: Justice Department to drop 31 remaining fraud charges against Michael Avenatti following guilty plea**, Kara Scannell, June 21, 2022, 3:06 PM

The Justice Department will drop the remaining fraud counts facing disgraced attorney Michael Avenatti after he agreed to plead guilty to multiple charges last week. Prosecutors with the US attorney's office for the Central District of California said in a court filing Tuesday they wouldn't move ahead with the remaining 31 counts of wire fraud, bank fraud and tax-related charges because the judge can consider those allegations when he sentences Avenatti in September. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [Fox](#), [UPI](#)

**Law360: [ANALYSIS] Potential Next Steps For DOJ's COVID-19 Fraud Enforcement**, Scott Memmott, Jake Harper and Jonathan York, June 21, 2022, 6:04 PM

Fraud stemming from the COVID-19 pandemic continues to be a criminal enforcement priority for the U. S. Department of Justice. As evidence of its commitment, U. S. Attorney General Merrick Garland established the DOJ COVID-19 fraud enforcement task force on May 17, 2021, to facilitate coordination with more than a dozen federal agencies to investigate and prosecute "the most culpable domestic and international criminals," according to a DOJ press release. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**Law360: Fla. Lawyer Found Guilty Of Extorting Client For Cash**, Madison Arnold, June 21, 2022, 4:41 PM

Former criminal defense attorney Marion Michael O'Steen was found guilty on two charges interfering with commerce by extortion and failing to timely file a form required for receipt of more than \$10,000 and faces up to 25 years in federal prison, the U.S. Attorney's Office of the Middle District of Florida announced Tuesday. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**City News Service: Colorado Man Sentenced To Prison For Assaulting Girl In OC**, Unattributed, June 21, 2022, 7:58 PM

A convicted sex offender from Colorado was sentenced Tuesday to 20 years in federal prison for taking a 15-

year-old girl he had a sexual relationship with on a 3 1/2-month road trip that ended in Fountain Valley. Kenneth Wayne Fisher, 46, of Colorado Springs, Colorado, pleaded guilty in May 2020 to a count of transportation of a minor to engage in criminal sexual activity and a count of commission of a felony offense involving a minor while required to register as a sex offender. [[Continue Reading](#)]

*Louisville Courier Journal*: **Former LMPD officers heading to federal prison for throwing drinks at people in West End**, Krista Johnson, June 21, 2022, 6:28 PM

Two former Louisville Metro Police officers have been convicted of federal civil rights violations after throwing drinks from their unmarked squad cars at people in Louisville's West End, according to the U.S. Department of Justice, with one of the officers pleading guilty to additional cyberstalking charges. Bryan Andrew Wilson, 36, and Curt Flynn, 40, both pleaded guilty Tuesday to one count of conspiracy to violate the civil rights of Louisville pedestrians through arbitrary use of force. [[Continue Reading](#)]

*My Mother Lode (Angels Camp, CA)*: **2 Year Sentence For Wallace Post Office Burglary**, Nic Peterson, June 21, 2022, 4:58 PM

In 2021 a Modesto man named Thomas Day, 41 was charged for breaking into a Wallace post office. A story covering that can be found here. As announced by U.S. Attorney Phillip A. Talbert, he was sentenced to two years in prison this week. According to court documents, on July 2, 2020, Day broke into the post office at 8271 Camanche Parkway South in Wallace and used a glass-breaking punch tool to shatter the glass on the door to the lobby area of the building. [[Continue Reading](#)]

*Riverfront Times (St. Louis, MO)*: **Man Arrested in St. Louis Dog House Headed to Big House**, Ryan Krull, June 21, 2022, 4:52 PM

A 58-year-old California man received a 30-year sentence today in Federal Court in St. Louis for drug trafficking and money laundering. In February, Lester "Unc" Bull pleaded guilty to a slew of charges and admitted to being part of a conspiracy that brought at least 100 kilograms of marijuana into the St. Louis area. [[Continue Reading](#)]

*Booth Newspapers (Grand Rapids, MI)*: **Michigan prisoner sentenced for mailing anthrax threat to federal court in Kalamazoo**, Marie Weidmayer, June 21, 2022, 4:46 PM

A Michigan prisoner who mailed letters threatening an anthrax attack and to kill people was sentenced to prison. Nathan James Zink, 34, was sentenced June 21 to just over nine years in prison for mailing threatening communication to a federal employee and five years for mailing threatening communication after he pleaded guilty March 8. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [WJBK-Fox \(Detroit, MI\)](#), [WOOD-NBC \(Grand Rapids, MI\)](#), [WXMI-Fox \(Grand Rapids, MI\)](#)

*KOIN-CBS (Portland, OR)*: **Molotov cocktails, baseball bats: Portland protester gets prison**, Michaela Bourgeois, June 21, 2022, 11:13 PM

An Indiana man was sentenced to federal prison on Tuesday for possessing destructive devices during 2020 Portland protests, the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Oregon announced. 25-year-old Malik Fard Muhammad was sentenced to 10 years in federal prison with three years' supervised release. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [KPTV-Fox \(Portland, OR\)](#)

*WROC-CBS (Rochester, NY)*: **Rochester man first to be convicted in 18-person drug bust**, Hailie Higgins, June 21, 2022, 10:34 PM

Following a four-week trial, a Rochester man has been convicted for his involvement in possessing and selling cocaine and fentanyl, authorities say. In April 2020, 36-year-old Earnest Baker was arrested along with 17 other defendants, according to authorities. That day, officials say they executed 24 search warrants were executed at homes in Rochester, West Henrietta, Penfield, Greece, Irondequoit, and Syracuse, and 12

search warrants were executed on cars associated with defendants. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**WROC-CBS (Rochester, NY): Two sentenced for kidnapping of Rochester mail carrier**, Hailie Higgins, June 21, 2022, 8:32 PM

Two of the three defendants involved in the kidnapping of a federal employee were sentenced to time in prison, authorities from the Department of Justice announced today. Back in December 2021, 39-year-old Mark Rogers and 36-year-old Joseph "Gus" Way plead guilty to the kidnapping, along with 37-year-old Tashara Levans. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**WIVB-CBS (Buffalo, NY): Retired teacher pleads guilty to child porn charge**, Patrick Ryan, June 21, 2022, 8:18 PM

A retired 71-year-old teacher admitted he was in possession of child pornography in court Tuesday. Richard W. Scherer lives in Depew but spent about 25 years as a teacher in Maryland for the Montgomery County Public Schools. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [WKBW-ABC \(Buffalo, NY\)](#)

**WGNO-ABC (New Orleans, LA): NOLA man indicted on 10 counts of bank fraud and mail theft**, Raeven Poole, June 21, 2022, 8:18 PM

A New Orleans man is facing jail time for a series of charges including mail theft and bank fraud, according to the Department of Justice. On June 10, U.S. Attorney Duane A. Evans announced the indictment of 67-year-old Gregory Joseph Hernandez. According to the lawsuit, Hernandez stole checks out of the mail, forged information on the stolen check and then he and others deposited and cashed them at different banks and credit unions across the New Orleans region. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**KPVI-NBC (Pocatello, ID): 2 convicted felons from Shreveport sentenced to federal prison**, Unattributed, June 21, 2022, 8:00 PM

Two men from Shreveport were sentenced Tuesday by Chief U.S. District Judge S. Maurice Hicks, Jr. for illegally possessing firearms, U.S. Attorney Brandon B. Brown said in a news release. Damontra Vonravenous Mandigo, 22, was sentenced to seven years and three months in prison, followed by 3 years of supervised release, for being a convicted felon in possession of a firearm. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**WFAA-ABC (Dallas, TX): Dallas woman sentenced to life in prison after pleading guilty to coordinating husband's murder-for-hire with ex-boyfriend**, Ariel Plasencia, June 21, 2022, 7:50 PM

The Dallas woman who pleaded guilty to coordinating her husband's 2020 murder-for-hire with her ex-boyfriend was sentenced to life in prison Tuesday. Jennifer Lynne Faith, of Oak Cliff, pleaded guilty to the murder-for-hire charge in February. She had faced charges of obstruction of justice and use of interstate commerce in the commission of murder-for-hire. In return for her plea, prosecutors agreed to drop the obstruction charge and to recommend a sentence of life imprisonment. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**KOSA-CBS (Odessa, TX): Marfa man found guilty of meth possession**, Micah Allen, June 21, 2022, 7:41 PM

A federal jury sitting in Pecos convicted a Marfa man last week for possession with intent to distribute meth. According to court documents and evidence presented at trial, Stephen Dudley Brunson, 63, was stopped for a traffic violation. Brunson was subsequently arrested for Class C offenses involving the license plate and temporary permit displayed on the vehicle he was driving. When Brunson was searched incident to arrest, several knives and brass knuckles were found on his person as well as over 27 grams of meth. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**WWLP-NBC (Springfield, MA): Brockton man guilty for role in violent drug trafficking conspiracy**,

Waleed Azad, June 21, 2022, 7:25 PM

A Brockton man was sentenced in Boston for his role in a violent drug trafficking conspiracy reaching from Boston to Brockton to Cape Cod. According to a news release sent to 22News by the Department of Justice in Boston, Cody Goncalves, 28, was sentenced to 13 years in prison and four years of supervised release. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**KSHB-NBC (Kansas City, MO): Kansas City man sentenced after selling 4 AR-15 rifles, marijuana to undercover police officer**, David Medina, June 21, 2022, 7:00 PM

A Kansas City, Missouri, man who sold four AR-15 style rifles and marijuana to an undercover police officer will spend 10 years in prison for illegally possessing a firearm. Paul N. Ortiz, 24, was sentenced in federal court on Tuesday after the transactions that happened in 2018. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**WPRI-CBS (Providence, RI): 2 charged with trafficking meth, fentanyl**, Steven Matregrano, June 21, 2022, 6:17 PM

Two men have been charged with trafficking methamphetamine, according to U.S. Attorney Zachary Cunha. Charles Bersch, 38, of Providence, and Peter Walkovich, 37, of Pepperell, Mass. have been charged with possession with intent to distribute 50 grams or more of methamphetamine and conspiracy. Charging documents show that on May 23, a vehicle in which Bersch and Walkovich were riding in was stopped in Cranston. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**WPSD-NBC (Paducah, KY): Paducah doctor admits to participating in telehealth Medicare fraud scheme, agrees to pay more than \$500,000**, Leanne Fuller, June 21, 2022, 5:00 PM

A Paducah doctor has agreed to pay \$561,800 after federal prosecutors say he knowingly submitted or conspired to submit more than \$3 million in false claims to Medicare. Prosecutors say he received kickbacks from a firm in exchange for filing Medicare claims that were not medically necessary for patients he did not actually treat. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**KPRC-NBC (Houston, TX): Army veteran admits to sending death threats to staff at Lake Jackson VA clinic: DOJ**, Brittany Taylor, June 21, 2022, 4:25 PM

A 33-year-old Brazoria County man has pleaded guilty to threatening employees at the Lake Jackson Veterans Affairs outpatient clinic, U.S. Attorney Jennifer B. Lowery announced Tuesday. Mark Williams Jr. was a U.S. Army veteran receiving treatment at VA facilities. He admitted to making a series of threatening statements via interstate communications. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**WTAJ-CBS (Altoona, PA): Johnstown man who failed to register as sex offender sentenced**, Alexis Loya, June 21, 2022, 4:23 PM

A former resident of Johnstown was sentenced in federal court for failing to register as a sex offender. Andrew Gere, 52, of 111 Poplar Street in Johnstown, was sentenced to a total of 15 months in prison followed by five years of supervised release, according to U.S. Attorney Cindy K. Chung. His sentence was imposed by U.S. District Judge Stephanie L. Haines. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**KXLY-ABC (Spokane, WA): Spokane man sentenced to 7 years in federal prison for possessing child pornography**, Vincent Saglimbeni, June 21, 2022, 3:55 PM

A man was sentenced to seven years in federal prison for the possession of child pornography. Forty-seven-year-old Brian D. Knight faces the highest sentence available under the terms of his plea agreement. He will also serve 10 years of federal supervision once he is released from federal prison. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [KHQ-NBC \(Spokane, WA\)](#)

**KRTV-CBS (Great Falls, MT): Wolf Point man sentenced for murder**, Unattributed, June 21, 2022, 3:42 PM

Doratello "DJ" Juan Fischer of Wolf Point, 37 years old, who admitted to fatally shooting a man on the Fort Peck Indian Reservation, was sentenced in federal court in Great Falls on Tuesday, June 21, 2022, U.S. Attorney Jesse Laslovich said in a news release. Court documents state that on November 27, 2020, Fischer shot the victim (identified only as "John Doe" in court documents) in the back with a .22-caliber rifle, killing him. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**KCPQ-Fox (Seattle, WA): Former Bellevue teacher sentenced to 20 years in prison for child pornography**, Unattributed, June 21, 2022, 2:43 PM

A former Bellevue teacher was sentenced to 20 years in prison and lifetime supervised release for the production and possession of child pornography. On May 14, 2020, Stuart MacGregor Hoffman was arrested at his home after an ongoing investigation in the United Kingdom. The 31-year-old had sent explicit child sex images to a contact in the U.K., which prompted Homeland Security to start their own investigation. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [KIRO-CBS \(Seattle, WA\)](#)

**KCTV-CBS (Kansas City, MO): Jury finds KC man guilty after gun falls apart during restaurant robbery**, Zoe Brown, June 21, 2022, 1:53 PM

A jury has found a 30-year-old Kansas City, Missouri, man guilty after his gun fell apart during a robbery at the Church's Chicken on Blue Ridge Boulevard and DNA from the revolver's parts was matched to him. Justin Domonique Davis was found guilty of using a firearm during a crime of violence, and aiding and abetting robbery. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)  
**See also:** [KTTN \(Trenton, MO\)](#)

**Daily Voice (Hampden County, MA): 'Operation Snowfall': MA Man Admits To Cocaine Trafficking Conspiracy**, David Cifarelli, June 21, 2022, 12:40 PM

A Braintree man is facing up to 30 years in prison for his role in a multi-year drug trafficking investigation, the US Attorney's Office for Massachusetts reports. Martin Angomas, age 32, pleaded guilty to trafficking cocaine and illegally possessing ammunition as part of a Boston-based gang that was the focus of "Operation Snowfall," the office reports. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**WAGA-Fox (Atlanta, GA): Georgia couple sentenced to prison for two-week metro Atlanta crime spree**, Unattributed, June 21, 2022, 11:35 AM

A Georgia couple has been sentenced to multiple years in federal prison for a two-week crime spree involving a bank robbery and carjacking in metro Atlanta. Authorities say 30-year-old Quantavious Cedron Arnold and 31-year-old Ericka Brewster put innocent civilians at risk through multiple crimes in Atlanta and DeKalb County. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [WGXA-Fox/ABC \(Macon, GA\)](#)

**WXIN-Fox (Indianapolis, IN): Kokomo man sentenced to 25 years in meth case**, Matt Adams, June 21, 2022, 9:59 AM

A Kokomo man who pleaded guilty in a methamphetamine distribution case learned his sentence. A U.S. district judge sentenced 33-year-old Demario Barker to 25 years in federal prison. Barker had previously pleaded guilty to two counts of distribution of methamphetamine. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**WHBQ-Fox (Memphis, TN): Man sentenced to several years federal prison for firearms charges, DOJ says**, Unattributed, June 21, 2022, 9:55 AM

A man has been sentenced to several years in federal prison after an incident in 2019. Austin Martin, 23, was sentenced to 10 years in federal prison for possession of a firearm, according to Joseph C. Murphy Jr.,

United States Attorney. He was sentenced Tuesday. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [WREG-CBS \(Memphis, TN\)](#)

## CIVIL RIGHTS

*WPSD-NBC (Paducah, KY):* **Two former Louisville officers plead guilty to federal civil rights charges**, Charity Blanton, June 21, 2022, 8:00 PM

Two former Louisville Metropolitan Police Department officers have plead guilty to conspiracy to violate the civil rights of pedestrians through the arbitrary use of force, oppression, and intimidation. One of the two also pled guilty to a separate cyberstalking conspiracy charge. According to court documents, Bryan Wilson and Curt Flynn assaulted and attempted to assault multiple pedestrians while working as detectives with the LMPD Ninth Mobile Division. [[Continue Reading](#)]

## CIVIL LAW

*Law360:* **20 States Ask 5th Circ. To Block Biden's Contractor Vax Order**, Rae Varona , June 21, 2022, 4:07 PM

Twenty states have asked the Fifth Circuit to uphold a lower court decision to block the Biden administration's widely challenged COVID-19 vaccine mandate for federal contractors, saying the mandate exceeded the White House's authority under a federal procurement act. [[Continue Reading](#)]

*Law360:* **DaVita Gets All Clear To Return No-Poach Docs**, Bryan Koenig, June 21, 2022, 2:57 PM

An Illinois federal judge gave DaVita the permission it needed Monday to dispose of confidential documents produced by the U.S. Department of Justice in its failed criminal no-poach case, deeming it sufficient for follow-on civil plaintiffs that the company will return what DOJ gave it. [[Continue Reading](#)]

*WWLP-NBC (Springfield, MA):* **Outpatient mental health company pays \$4.6 million for false claims allegations**, Aubree Carr, June 21, 2022, 4:15 PM

Pathways of Massachusetts (Pathways) and its former corporate parent company, Molina Healthcare, Inc. (Molina), will pay \$4.6 million for false claim allegations and other allegations made by whistleblowers. According to the Office of Attorney General Maura Healey, Pathway fraudulently claimed to be submitted to the state's Medicaid Program, MassHealth, for behavioral health care services. They also provided services to patients by unlicensed and improperly supervised staff members. [[Continue Reading](#)]

## IMMIGRATION & BORDER SECURITY

*LAT:* **A 9th Circuit panel tossed California's ban on private immigration facilities. That could change on appeal**, Rebecca Schneid, June 22, 2022, 12:02 AM

Lawyers for a private prison company traded arguments with the State of California before the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals in Pasadena on Tuesday over a lawsuit challenging state legislation banning private, for-profit prisons and immigration detention centers. Although no ruling has been made, the outcome of the case could affect the future of the private prison industry in several states beyond California. [[Continue Reading](#)]

*NYT:* **Companies Brace for Impact of New Forced Labor Law**, Ana Swanson, June 22, 2022, 12:00 AM

A sweeping new law aimed at cracking down on Chinese forced labor could have significant and unanticipated ramifications for American companies and consumers. The law, which went into effect on

Tuesday, bars products from entering the United States if they have any links to Xinjiang, the far-western region where the Chinese authorities have carried out an extensive crackdown on Uyghur Muslims and other ethnic minorities. That could affect a wide range of products, including those using any raw materials from Xinjiang or with a connection to the type of Chinese labor and poverty alleviation programs the U.S. government has deemed coercive even if the finished product used just a tiny amount of material from Xinjiang somewhere along its journey. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [NBC](#)

**Fox: [OPINION] Biden's open borders encourage child trafficking and smuggling**, Robert Law, June 21, 2022, 2:00 PM

Then-candidate Joe Biden, and every other 2020 contender for the Democratic ticket, vowed to suspend all deportations for the first 100 days and try to push through a massive amnesty. That pledge, combined with disastrous immigration policies out of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) since Biden's inauguration, has fueled a historic and sustained border crisis. In May, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) apprehended 239,416 illegal aliens, breaking April's then-record of 234,088, which broke March's then-record of 222,339. By comparison, May 2019 witnessed 144,116 apprehensions and May 2021 had 180,597. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**Law360: Calif. Asks En Banc 9th Circ. To Uphold Private Prison Ban**, Lauren Berg, June 21, 2022, 11:48 PM

California urged the en banc Ninth Circuit on Tuesday to uphold the state's law banning private immigration detention facilities and other private prisons after a three-judge panel struck the law down, arguing that the law regulates private businesses, not the contracts those businesses hold with the federal government. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**Washington Examiner: Border Patrol chiefs under three presidents warn Biden on 'whipping' discipline**, Anna Giaritelli, June 21, 2022, 8:29 PM

The top U.S. Border Patrol officials from the Bush, Obama, and Trump administrations are warning the Biden administration against disciplining agents whom it investigated for "whipping" Haitian migrants in Del Rio, Texas, last September, the Washington Examiner has learned. Four national Border Patrol chiefs and five other top-ranking officials who served under the previous three presidents on Tuesday sent a letter, obtained exclusively by the Washington Examiner, to Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas in which they shared serious concerns about a report that DHS agency Customs and Border Protection is planning to punish agents involved in the incident despite outcry that the agents are not guilty of any wrongdoing. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**Law360: Biden Moves To Ax Alabama's Immigration Enforcement Suit**, Mike LaSusa, June 21, 2022, 6:00 PM

The Biden administration on Tuesday asked an Alabama federal judge to toss a suit brought by Alabama, Florida and Georgia against the White House's immigration enforcement policy, saying the challengers are rehashing losing arguments made in other similar cases. The administration defended the guidance issued in September by the U. S. Department of Homeland Security, which laid out three categories of unauthorized migrants prioritized for removal and introduced a case-by-case analysis to determine whether someone should be deported. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**Washington Times: ICE officers demand freedom from AFL-CIO over mismanagement, 'defund the police' stance**, Stephen Dinan, June 21, 2022, 4:00 PM

The National ICE Council says its members are sick of being labeled "Nazis" and racists by fellow unionists and is filing charges with the Labor Department to seek financial autonomy from its parent unions, the AFL-

CIO and the American Federation of Government Employees. The council says it cannot get adequate representation from the two organizations, which “foster hate and prejudice” against U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement and have backed political candidates who call for defunding ICE essentially advocating for the erasure of the 7,600 jobs the council represents. [[Continue Reading](#)]

*Tucson Sentinel*: **Former Az prison guard sentenced to 30 mos. in gun smuggling plot**, Paul Ingram, June 21, 2022, 4:20 PM

A former Arizona Department of Corrections officer will serve 30 months in federal prison after he plead guilty to four counts, including conspiracy, gun smuggling, making false statements when purchasing a firearm, and aiding and abetting false statements in connection with the purchase of a firearm. Juan Carlos Rubio, 26, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge John C. Hinderaker last week after he pleaded guilty in April to all four counts. [[Continue Reading](#)]

*KGTV-ABC (San Diego, CA)*: **CBP officers seize more than half a million dollars’ worth of fentanyl**, Krista Summerville, June 21, 2022, 9:57 PM

U.S. Customs and Border Protection seized more than half a million dollars worth of fentanyl at the Calexico Port of Entry earlier this month, the agency said. Authorities discovered the drugs inside a 2014 Ford sedan driven by a 28-year-old man on June 6 just before 10 a.m. According to CBP, the man tried to enter the U.S. when he was referred to a further inspection point. [[Continue Reading](#)]

*KGUN-ABC (Tucson, AZ)*: **Border Patrol seizes 120 pounds of methamphetamine in car with young children**, Anne Simmons, June 21, 2022, 4:45 PM

Roving patrols near Gila Bend, Ariz. led U.S. Customs and Border Protection Border Patrol Agents from the Tucson Sector to the seizure of over 120 pounds of methamphetamine concealed in a minivan. Ajo Station agents stopped a Honda Odyssey on Thursday at the junction of Interstate 8 and State Route 85. A Border Patrol Canine alerted agents to the presence of concealed narcotics, which were revealed after a search of the car’s trunk. [[Continue Reading](#)]

*WGNO-ABC (New Orleans, LA)*: **Wrong turn could cost Russian man chance at asylum in U.S.**, Julian Resendiz, June 21, 2022, 2:37 PM

When Aleksandr Pogorelov told his mom and stepfather that he received conscription papers to go fight in Ukraine, the couple panicked. “He’s not the soldier type. He doesn’t have a mean bone in his body. And he doesn’t agree with that war. We all knew he’s going to get killed if he goes,” said Justin Jacobs, the stepfather. [[Continue Reading](#)]

## ANTITRUST

*Reuters*: **Big Tech bill advocates and critics keep pressure on U.S. lawmakers**, Unattributed, June 21, 2022, 4:01 PM

Supporters of a U.S. bill aimed at reining in Big Tech platforms like [Amazon.com](#) (AMZN.O) and Alphabet’s Google (GOOGL.O) have flooded lawmakers with nearly 4,000 phone calls, while critics of the legislation sent a letter telling senators it would “harm consumers.” Versions of the bill have progressed further than any previous Big Tech antitrust legislation, with strong bipartisan support in the House of Representatives and Senate. [[Continue Reading](#)]

*MarketWatch*: **[OPINION] Stagflation will be the Fed’s biggest worry**, Peter Morici, June 22, 2022, 6:30 AM

The Federal Reserve’s biggest long-term concern should be stagflation a combination of persistent and

unacceptably-high inflation coupled with nonplus growth. As this column has argued, short of a punishing recession Americans will be lucky to see inflation at 4%, never mind the Federal Reserve's official target of 2%. [...] As demand for fossil fuels recedes, profits should be returned to shareholders so that capital may be redeployed to new, more-productive activities including green energy rather than forcing Big Oil to do things it knows nothing about. Looking at how a few money managers can bully large corporations to foolish decisions, maybe Justice Department antitrust chief Jonathan Kanter should stop harassing Frank Perdue's legacy and set his sights on BlackRock's Larry Fink. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**Law360: Fed. Circ. Reverses Initial Panel To Find Gilenya IP Invalid**, Andrew Karpan, June 21, 2022, 11:07 PM

The Federal Circuit held Tuesday that Novartis' patent covering its multibillion-dollar multiple sclerosis drug Gilenya isn't valid after all, reversing an earlier panel that found in favor of the Swiss drugmaking giant.

[[Continue Reading](#)]

**Law360: FTC Probing NYSE Owner's \$16B Deal For Black Knight**, Matthew Perlman, June 21, 2022, 6:33 PM

The Federal Trade Commission has extended its review of Intercontinental Exchange Inc.'s planned \$16 billion purchase of Black Knight Inc., a provider of data and analytics for the housing finance industry.

[[Continue Reading](#)]

**Washington Times: [OPINION] The progressive antitrust Trojan Horse**, Brian Garst, June 21, 2022, 5:00 PM

Progressives have a plan to expand antitrust law that would effectively nationalize America's most successful companies. They even hope to get conservatives on board. The bill most likely to get consideration this Congress would, according to Ryan Bourne and Brad Subramaniam of the Cato Institute, "generally make it unlawful for major online platforms to engage in conduct that has produced tech products that consumers enjoy." [[Continue Reading](#)]

## ENVIRONMENT

**AP: Kansas oil refinery to pay \$1.6 million for clean air errors**, Unattributed, June 21, 2022, 5:00 PM

An oil refinery in El Dorado will pay a \$1.6 million penalty for violations of the federal Clean Air Act, which resulted in a fire that killed an employee in 2017, the Environmental Protection Agency announced Tuesday. HollyFrontier El Dorado Refining oil refinery did not follow requirements designed to protect the public from accidental releases of hazardous substances, which contributed to the fire and caused the employee's death, the EPA said. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**Law360: Fond Du Lac Tribe Says PolyMet Can't End Mine Suit**, Andrew Westney, June 21, 2022, 7:41 PM

The Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa has urged a Minnesota federal judge not to toss the tribe's suit seeking to undo a federal land swap for PolyMet Mining Inc.'s NorthMet project, saying the band has the standing to sue the U.S. Forest Service for violating the tribe's treaty rights. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**Law360: Judge Approves \$45M Roundup False Ad Deal**, Emily Field, June 21, 2022, 6:05 PM

A California federal judge on Tuesday signed off on a \$45 million settlement to end allegations that Monsanto made false claims related to the dangers of its Roundup pesticides, stressing that the deal doesn't prevent class members from suing over illnesses. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**KULR-NBC (Billings, MT): Judge shuts down trail construction after lawsuit by ranch catering to wealthy**, Ducan Adams, June 21, 2022, 11:00 PM

The 35,000-acre Rock Creek Cattle Co. ranch, which is both an exclusive enclave for the wealthy and a cattle ranch west of Deer Lodge, sought and received a judge's order last week that has temporarily halted Powell County's work on a recreational trail. The county had hoped to complete this summer the final portion of the trail meant to stretch about 10.5 miles from Deer Lodge to Garrison. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**WHIO-AM (Dayton, OH): Ohio man pleads guilty to killing bald eagle, will pay \$20K fine**, Unattributed, June 21, 2022, 8:28 PM

An Ohio man pleaded guilty Tuesday to shooting and killing a bald eagle last October. According to a release from the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Northern District of Ohio, 79-year-old David B. Huff, of Dover, shot and killed a bald eagle with a rifle on Oct. 7, 2021. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [WJW-Fox \(Cleveland, OH\)](#), [WKYC-NBC \(Cleveland, OH\)](#).

## TAX

**The Hill: IRS says it's making headway in clearing tax return backlog**, Tobias Burns, June 21, 2022, 3:07 PM

The IRS says it is climbing out from under the unprecedented stack of tax returns that piled up after the agency had to scale back its operations and close facilities in 2020 following the onset of the pandemic. The agency announced Tuesday that by the end of this week it will have cleared all original individual tax returns that were filed in 2021 and that didn't contain any major mistakes. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

## FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES

**Fox: US Marshals still searching for Alcatraz inmates who may have survived escape 60 years ago**, Brie Stimson, June 22, 2022, 4:10 AM

The U.S. Marshals Service released three age-progressed photos last week of inmates who broke out of Alcatraz in June 1962. The inmates, Frank Morris and brothers Clarence and John Anglin, made their escape 60 years ago by climbing through the prison's vents and pipes to the roof, sliding down on a smokestack and navigating the cold waters of San Francisco Bay in a raft made of prison raincoats following months of planning. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [Daily Beast](#), [KGO-ABC \(San Francisco, CA\)](#)

**The Hill: Vote on Biden ATF pick nears as gun reform talks yield fruit**, Alex Gangitano and Brett Samuels, June 22, 2022, 5:07 AM

The Senate is poised to confirm President Biden's pick to head the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), a big moment for the White House after it had to pull its last nominee before the latest string of deadly mass shootings. Confirming Steve Dettelbach would be a victory for Biden, who has promised to be tough on guns but has waited on the sidelines as a bipartisan group of senators nails down a package on gun violence prevention that falls far short of Democratic goals. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**Texarkana Gazette (Texarkana, TX): FBI offering reward of up to \$50,000 for information related to death of Shamia Little**, Pat Parris, June 21, 2022, 10:00 PM

The FBI is offering a reward of up to \$50,000 for information leading to the identification, arrest and conviction of the individual(s) responsible for the homicide of Shamia Little. The FBI Shreveport Resident Agency is working with the Shreveport Police Department to solve the homicide of 17-year-old Shamia. On July 12, 2021, Shamia was discovered deceased approximately a fourth of a mile northwest of Douglas Williams Park

in Shreveport. She died from a gunshot wound. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

*Chicago Tribune: FBI makes arrest in 1991 Gary murder*, Meredith Colias-Pete, June 21, 2022, 5:07 PM  
The FBI announced it arrested a Milwaukee man Tuesday in connection with a 1991 Gary murder. Quentin Maurice Smith, 50, was charged Friday in Lake Superior Court with the Nov. 26, 1991 murder of John Thomas Currie, who was then 35, FBI spokeswoman Chris Bavender said. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

*KNXV-ABC (Phoenix, AZ): Valley law enforcement to launch new approach to gun violence investigations*, Jack Gillum, June 22, 2022, 1:23 AM

Endless stories of how rampant gun violence in the Valley has upended lives has led area law enforcement to launch a new enforcement effort. [...] Phoenix police, county prosecutors and ATF are planning to launch a multi-faceted approach to enforcing gun violence. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

*KGUN-ABC (Tucson, AZ): A rare look inside the Tucson DEA drug vault*, Pat Parris, June 21, 2022, 8:16 PM

The Drug Enforcement Agency says Tucson has become a hub for Mexican drug cartels bringing in deadly drugs before sending them across the country. Local DEA officials are charged with trying to intercept those illegal drugs. KGUN 9 was recently given an exclusive tour of the DEA's Tucson drug vault near the airport. We found a nearly empty storage warehouse. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

*KTBS-ABC (Shreveport, LA): 171 arrests made in Natchitoches, Grant, Rapides parishes*, Unattributed, June 21, 2022, 7:00 PM

Law enforcement officers from multiple agencies in Natchitoches, Grant and Rapides parishes joined forces over the past two weeks to make 171 arrests and seize guns and drugs off the streets. The special operation was headed up by the Central Louisiana Violent Crime Abatement Team (VCAT) comprised of Louisiana State Police, Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms (ATF), Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI), Louisiana Probation and Parole, Rapides Parish Sheriff's Office, Natchitoches Parish Sheriff's Office, Grant Parish Sheriff's Office, Sabine Parish Sheriff's Office, Pineville Police Department, Alexandria Police Department, Natchitoches City Police Department, Lecompte Police Department, Ball Police Department, Boyce Police Department, Glenmora Police Department, Woodworth Police Department, Alexandria City Marshal's Office, Pineville City Marshal's Office and Louisiana National Guard. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

*KLKN-ABC (Lincoln, NE): Nebraska AG urges feds to investigate attacks against anti-abortion groups*, Nolan Dorn, June 21, 2022, 6:03 PM

Nebraska Attorney General Doug Peterson is urging the federal government to investigate "terroristic acts" against anti-abortion organizations. In a letter to U.S. Attorney General Merrick Garland, 19 attorneys general said his lack of action was "intolerable." [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

*KCTV-CBS (Kansas City, MO): Fire in Pleasanton, Kansas, critically injures firefighter*, Zoe Brown, June 21, 2022, 5:22 PM

A fire last night at a chiropractor's office in Pleasanton, Kansas, critically injured a firefighter. [...] he Kansas City Field Division of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives said that they have been asked to join the Kansas Fire Marshal's Office in investigating the cause of the fire. They will be returning to the scene tomorrow to continue the investigation. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [KMBC-ABC \(Kansas City, MO\)](#)

*KSNV-NBC (Las Vegas, NV): Two dozen arrested following recent sex offender verification operation*, Unattributed, June 21, 2022, 4:00 PM

A recent sex offender apprehension effort led to the arrest of two dozen people in Las Vegas. The LVMPD Sex Offender Apprehension Team and the U.S. Marshals Service District of Nevada Sexual Offender Predator Apprehension Team held the joint operation from June 13-17. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**Daily Voice (Hudson, NJ): Gunman Wanted In Triple Jersey City Shooting Captured By US Marshals At Bergen County Hotel**, Cecilia Levine, June 21, 2022, 3:19 PM

US Marshals captured a 31-year-old Newark man accused of killing a woman and wounding two other people in a shooting in Jersey City last February, authorities said Tuesday, June 21. Jimmy B. Colclough shot Raven Harris dead and wounded the other victims – one 28, the other 29 – at the intersection of Old Bergen Road and Neptune Avenue on Feb. 10, Hudson County Prosecutor Esther Suarez said. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**KTVZ-NBC (Bend, OR): Oregon FBI's Tech Tuesday: Building a digital defense against elder fraud**, Unattributed, June 21, 2022, 12:59 PM

This week's FBI Portland Tech Tuesday feature focuses on safeguarding you and your loved ones from elder fraud schemes. You're entering the final season in your life, and you've worked hard over the years to earn enough to live comfortably. But your nest egg could be just tempting enough to be the target of scammers looking to take it from you. The FBI, alongside other federal law enforcement and protection agencies is warning elder Americans beware of scammers. This message also applies to those looking out for elders many times we take care of our elders, including managing finances. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**WRIC-ABC (Richmond, VA): U.S. Marshals Service say escaped inmates 'took advantage of the prison system'**, Sabrina Shutters, June 21, 2022, 6:52 AM

8News is continuing to work to get answers about the four inmates who walked out of a federal prison early Saturday morning in Hopewell. One of the prisoners turned himself in Sunday morning, but three others are still on the run. [[Continue Reading](#)]

## CRIMINAL JUSTICE/CORRECTIONS

**AP: Judge keeps execution for inmate who sought pastor's touch**, Juan Lozano, June 21, 2022, 4:00 PM

A Texas judge on Tuesday denied a request by a district attorney who called capital punishment "unethical" to withdraw the execution date of a death row inmate whose case had raised legal questions about the role of spiritual advisers in the death chamber. On April 12, an order was signed setting John Henry Ramirez's execution for Oct. 5. Ramirez's execution had been put on hold several times, most recently after the U.S. Supreme Court agreed to review his challenge of state rules that would have prevented his pastor from touching him and praying aloud during his execution. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**Staten Island Advance: Judge releases reputed mobster with ties to S.I. to home confinement. Blasts Bureau of Prisons for delays in treating eye condition**, Frank Donnelly, June 22, 2022, 5:50 AM

A judge issued a scathing rebuke of the federal Bureau of Prisons (BOP) when he recently ordered the prison release of a reputed mobster with ties to Staten Island due to the agency's "cavalier attitude" in addressing the inmate's medical needs. Vincent (Chickie) DeMartino, 66, was sprung from prison last month and ordered to serve the remaining two-plus years of his 25-year prison sentence under home confinement. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**WRIC-ABC (Richmond, VA): Inmate turns himself in after escaping federal prison in Hopewell, 3 inmates still on the run**, Tannock Blair, June 21, 2022, 9:32 PM

One of the four inmates who escaped a Hopewell minimum security prison turned himself in to authorities in

the early hours of Sunday morning. Tavares Lajuane Graham reportedly turned himself in after being wanted for over 24 hours. According to authorities, Graham surrendered at around 5 a.m. on Sunday, June 19.

[[Continue Reading](#)] See also: [WAAY-ABC \(Huntsville, AL\)](#)

## US SUPREME COURT

**AP: Supreme Court limits reach of federal gun crime law**, Jessica Gresko, June 21, 2022, 4:00 PM

The Supreme Court on Tuesday limited the reach of a federal statute that requires stiff penalties for crimes involving a gun. The 7-2 decision united both conservative and liberal justices, though one dissenting justice compared the result to “Alice in Wonderland.” The justices said the law can’t be used to lengthen the sentences of criminals convicted of a specific attempted robbery offense. The case before the justices involved Justin Taylor, who in the early 2000s was a marijuana dealer in the area of Richmond, Virginia.

[[Continue Reading](#)] See also: [Bloomberg Law](#), [CNN](#), [WaPo](#)

**Reuters: U.S. Supreme Court strikes down Washington workers' comp law for nuclear site**, Daniel Wiessner, June 21, 2022, 3:42 PM

The U.S. Supreme Court on Tuesday said the state of Washington could not in a 2018 law lower the bar for federal contractors who work at a decommissioned nuclear weapons plant to receive workers' compensation benefits. Justice Stephen Breyer wrote for the unanimous court that the state could not single out the Hanford, Washington facility in the law because the federal government had not explicitly waived its typical immunity from discriminatory state laws with respect to workers' compensation. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**AP: Justices rule religious schools must get Maine tuition aid**, Mark Sherman, June 21, 2022, 2:00 PM

The Supreme Court ruled Tuesday that Maine can’t exclude religious schools from a program that offers tuition aid for private education, a decision that could ease religious organizations’ access to taxpayer money. The 6-3 outcome could fuel a renewed push for school choice programs in some of the 18 states that have so far not directed taxpayer money to private, religious education. The most immediate effect of the court’s ruling beyond Maine probably will be felt next door in Vermont, which has a similar program. [[Continue Reading](#)]

See also: [CNN](#), [NBC](#), [NPR](#), [NYT](#), [Politico](#), [SCOTUSblog](#), [WaPo](#), [WSJ](#)

**Reuters: Supreme Court to consider whether U.S. can drop whistleblower cases**, Brendan Pierson, June 21, 2022, 1:59 PM

The U.S. Supreme Court on Tuesday agreed to hear a case over whether the federal government can dismiss a whistleblower lawsuit brought on its behalf without the whistleblower’s consent, an issue that has divided appeals courts. The case was brought against UnitedHealth Group Inc subsidiary Executive Health Resources Inc by a former employee, Jesse Polansky, who accused the company of falsely certifying inpatient hospital admissions as medically necessary, resulting in Medicare being overbilled by potentially billions of dollars. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**USA Today: Supreme Court justices don't have a code of ethics. Hundreds of judges say that's a problem**, Tami Abdollah, June 22, 2022, 5:57 AM

Hundreds of judges across the United States said U.S. Supreme Court justices should be bound by a code of ethics and many said they were shocked to find out that wasn't already the case. The National Judicial College surveyed judges across the nation on whether the Supreme Court should be held to a higher standard. The survey came amid a contentious and high-profile U.S. Supreme Court calendar that has involved questions of bias, as well as investigations into Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas' family ties to the Jan. 6, 2021 insurrection at the U.S. Capitol. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**WaPo: [OPINION] How Supreme Court ruling lays groundwork for religious charter schools**, Valerie Strauss, June 21, 2022, 10:23 PM

Less than a month ago, attorney and education policy scholar Kevin Welner wrote on this blog that the Supreme Court would probably further erode the separation of church and state in a case known as Carson v. Makin, which was brought to expand voucher policies that provide public money for private and religious education. It did just that on Tuesday, ruling that the state of Maine cannot deny tuition aid to religious schools. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**WSJ: [EDITORIAL] Justice Sotomayor's Class-Action Consolation Prize**, Editorial Board, June 21, 2022, 6:30 PM

The Supreme Court last week ruled 8-1 (*Viking River Cruises v. Moriana*) that California's Private Attorneys General Act (PAGA) aka the trial lawyer enrichment act doesn't supersede class-action waivers. Now watch unions and trial lawyers turn lemons into lemonade with a recipe from Justice Sonia Sotomayor. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**WSJ: New York vs. New Jersey Port Fight Heads to U.S. Supreme Court**, Paul Berger and Jess Bravin, June 21, 2022, 6:09 PM

The Supreme Court on Tuesday agreed to decide whether New Jersey can unilaterally pull out of a bistate crime-fighting agency it has operated with New York for decades. New York state officials in March asked the court to stop New Jersey from withdrawing from the Waterfront Commission of New York Harbor, a regulator set up almost 70 years ago to fight organized crime on the docks at the Port of New York and New Jersey. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**WaPo: The Supreme Court Has Just Eroded First Amendment Law**, Noah Feldman, June 21, 2022, 4:45 PM

In an extremely important church-and-state decision, the Supreme Court has held that if the state of Maine decides to pay for a child's private education in lieu of a public one, it must allow its tuition money to be used at religious schools. The 6-3 decision, *Carson v. Makin*, profoundly undermines existing First Amendment law. It represents the end of the centuries-old constitutional ban on direct state aid to the teaching of religion. And remarkably, it does all this in the name of religious liberty, giving the free-exercise clause of the First Amendment primacy over the establishment clause found in the exact same amendment. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**WaPo: With Supreme Court abortion ruling pending, protesters rally and wait**, Steve Thompson and Michelle Boorstein, June 21, 2022, 1:41 PM

Several dozen protesters from both sides of the abortion debate shouted, rallied and waved competing scripture interpretations outside the Supreme Court on Tuesday, one of the last days the court could release its decision in a case that directly challenges the constitutional right to abortion established in *Roe v. Wade* nearly 50 years ago. A decision didn't come, but advocates said they will return Thursday, the next time the decision could be announced. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**WaPo: Supreme Court rejects appeal from Roundup maker over cancer claims**, Ann E. Marimow, June 21, 2022, 12:23 PM

The Supreme Court on Tuesday let stand a multimillion-dollar verdict against the manufacturer of the popular weedkiller Roundup for failing to warn of cancer risks. The decision by the justices not to intervene clears the way for thousands of similar lawsuits against the company Bayer. The Biden administration had urged the court to deny the company's request, a departure from the Trump administration's position. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also: [LAT](#)**

**NYT: The Major Supreme Court Decisions in 2022**, Adam Liptak and Jason Kao, June 21, 2022, 12:00 PM

The leak in May of a draft opinion that would overrule *Roe v. Wade* seemed to expose new fault lines at the Supreme Court in the first full term in which it has been dominated by a 6-to-3 conservative supermajority, including three justices appointed by President Donald J. Trump. The court's public approval ratings have been dropping, and its new configuration has raised questions about whether it is out of step with public opinion. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**CNN: [ANALYSIS] John Roberts played the long game on state funding of religious schools**, Joan Biskupic, June 22, 2022, 5:30 AM

Chief Justice John Roberts has been laying the groundwork for years for Tuesday's sweeping decision requiring states to fund religious education. But he always tried to signal some caution. Five years ago, in a financing dispute involving a church school in Missouri, he even added a footnote that said the Supreme Court decision applied only to money for playground resurfacing. Fellow conservatives called him out and suggested the caveat was preposterous because the decision would, of course, reach other religious funding cases. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**Law360: Justices Deny Bid To Void Immunity In Tribal Conspiracy Suit**, Caleb Symons, June 21, 2022, 9:54 PM

The U.S. Supreme Court declined on Tuesday to take up an appellate decision that shielded a tribal judge and other tribal court staff from corruption claims brought by the owner of a Nevada software company, who claims they were wrongly prejudiced in his lawsuit against the Blue Lake Rancheria. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**SCOTUSblog: Justices grant review in cases on Bank Secrecy Act and False Claims Act**, Amy Howe, June 21, 2022, 5:18 PM

The Supreme Court on Tuesday morning added two cases — one involving the Bank Secrecy Act, the other involving the government's power to dismiss fraud claims — to its 2022-23 docket. In a list of orders from the justices' private conference last week, the justices also turned down — over a dissent from Justice Clarence Thomas that was joined by Justice Samuel Alito — a request from Ohio to reinstate the conviction and death sentence of an inmate who was convicted of killing his cellmate. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**NPR: [AUDIO] Meet The Man Who Helped Build The Court That May Overturn Roe**, Unattributed, June 21, 2022, 5:00 PM

As soon as Thursday, the Supreme Court could rule on *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*. A leaked draft opinion in that case showed a majority of justices agreeing to overturn *Roe v. Wade*, which would end the constitutional right to an abortion. However the court rules, this moment is the culmination of a decades-long effort by conservative activists around the country. [[Listen](#)]

**CNN: Justice Sonia Sotomayor continues her warnings of a dramatic conservative turn at the Supreme Court**, Ariane de Vogue, June 21, 2022, 4:00 PM

Justice Sonia Sotomayor made crystal clear on Tuesday that she believes the conservatives on the Supreme Court — including three of President Donald Trump's nominees — are set to move the country sharply to the right by eviscerating or ignoring decades of precedent on issues that most divide the public. Remaining cases this term include abortion, gun rights, the environment, immigration and a case involving a former public high school football coach who lost his job after leading prayers at the 50-yard line. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [The Hill](#)

**SCOTUSblog: Divided court rejects death-row prisoner's attempt to gather neurological evidence**,

Mridula Raman, June 21, 2022, 3:00 PM

The Supreme Court on Tuesday dealt another blow to prisoners challenging their state-court convictions and sentences in federal court. In a 5-4 decision in *Shoop v. Twyford*, the justices limited the ability of federal courts to use the All Writs Act to order states to transport prisoners, even when such transport could help prisoners investigate whether their convictions are unconstitutional. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**Bloomberg Law: High Court Rules for Hospital Health Plan in Kidney Care Fight**, Lydia Wheeler, June 21, 2022, 10:37 AM

The Supreme Court Tuesday sided with an Ohio hospital's employee health plan in a dispute over how much it pays for kidney dialysis. In a 7-2 decision, the justices said Marietta Memorial Hospital and its employee health plan aren't discriminating against patients with end-stage renal disease (ESRD) by paying less for dialysis than other treatments because they're providing the same coverage for all kidney-care patients [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**Law360: Justices To Weigh Foreign Account Tax Penalty Limits**, Theresa Schliep, June 21, 2022, 10:10 AM

The U.S. Supreme Court decided Tuesday to hear a dispute over the maximum penalty for failing to disclose foreign bank accounts to the IRS in a case that could resolve the limits of a \$10,000 penalty for undeclared accounts. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**Law360: High Court To Review DOJ Authority To Torpedo FCA Suits**, Daniel Wilson, June 21, 2022, 10:08 AM

The U.S. Supreme Court on Tuesday agreed to hear a case examining if the federal government lost its authority to dismiss a whistleblower's False Claims Act suit by waiting too long to jump into it. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

## JUDICIAL NOMINEES & APPOINTMENTS

**Law360: Senate Confirms Fresno County Judge To Calif. Federal Court**, James Arkin, June 21, 2022, 8:11 PM

The Senate voted 53-45 in bipartisan fashion Tuesday to confirm Judge Ana Isabel de Alba of Fresno County Superior Court to the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of California. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**Law360: NJ Senate Judiciary Panel Approves 2 County Prosecutors**, Nick Muscavage, June 21, 2022, 4:01 PM

The New Jersey Senate Judiciary Committee has approved two nominees tapped by Gov. Phil Murphy for county prosecutor positions. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**WYOU-CBS (Scranton, PA): Biden's candidate for PA Middle District U.S. Attorney sworn in**, Justin Glowacki, June 21, 2022, 4:27 PM

Gerard M. Karam was officially sworn in as the U.S. Attorney for the Middle District of Pennsylvania on Tuesday, June 21. President Biden nominated Gerard M. Karam to serve as the head of the office on April 22 and was confirmed by the U.S. Senate on June 13. Karam will replace John C. Gurganus who was selected as the interim United States Attorney in November 2021. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

## NATIVE AMERICAN AFFAIRS

*Law360: Mohegan Chief Tapped As First Native U.S. Treasurer*, Caleb Symons, June 21, 2022, 1:08 PM

President Joe Biden on Tuesday appointed the nation's first-ever Native American treasurer, tapping Mohegan Tribe Chief Lynn Malerba for a role that carries outsized visibility because of its signature on U.S. paper currency. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

## MARIJUANA LEGALIZATION

*Marijuana Moment: State Marijuana Protections Not Included In Justice Department Funding Bill, Despite Lawmakers' Pleas*, Kyle Jaeger, June 21, 2022, 7:00 PM

A much-anticipated congressional spending bill does not currently include provisions to protect all state, territory and tribal marijuana programs from Justice Department interference, despite pleas from dozens of bipartisan lawmakers. There were high hopes that such language could be attached to the base bill for the Fiscal Year 2023 appropriations for Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies (CJS) as introduced by congressional leaders. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

*Marijuana Moment: Florida Official Awaits Justice Department's Response To Medical Marijuana Patients' Gun Rights Lawsuit This Week*, Kyle Jaeger, June 21, 2022, 12:30 PM

The Justice Department is due this week to respond to a marijuana lawsuit filed by Florida's top agriculture official, who is also running as a Democratic gubernatorial candidate. The case concerns the constitutional rights of medical cannabis patients to purchase and possess firearms. Florida Agriculture Commissioner Nikki Fried spoke to Marijuana Moment about the case, how cannabis has played into her race for governor and the federal government's drug testing policy for marijuana in a phone interview on Friday. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

## OPIOID CRISIS

*WTKR-CBS (Norfolk, VA): Local pharmacy agrees to pay \$125K civil penalty for alleged controlled substances record-keeping violations*, Vincent Saglimbeni, June 21, 2022, 4:03 PM

A Newport News pharmacy has agreed to pay to settle claims of alleged record-keeping violations associated with controlled substances. Hidenwood Pharmacy, Inc., and its owner, Anne Hutchens, of Seaport, have agreed to pay \$125,000 to settle civil penalty claims. The claims stem from alleged record-keeping violations associated with controlled substances. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

## ADMINISTRATION

*Bloomberg: Biden to Call On Congress Wednesday to Pass Gas Tax Holiday*, Jennifer Jacobs and Josh Wingrove, June 21, 2022, 6:13 PM

President Joe Biden will call on Congress to enact a gasoline tax holiday, a person familiar with the plans says, as he looks to cool soaring pump prices heading into summer. Biden will make a statement Wednesday calling on Congress to enact the pause, the person said, speaking on condition of anonymity ahead of an announcement. The White House did not immediately respond to a request for comment. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**See also:** [CNN](#), [The Hill](#), [NBC](#), [Reuters](#), [USA Today](#)

*Bloomberg Law: Biden's New Regulatory Playbook Targets Climate, Opioids*, Courtney Rozen, Andrea Vittorio, Ellen M. Gilmerat Pat Rizzuto, Ben Penn, Andrew Kreighbaum, June 21, 2022, 4:13 PM

President Joe Biden released his third regulatory to-do list Tuesday, detailing his ambitions to regulate

consumer data use, treat opioid addiction, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The list, which includes more than 2,650 items, is the third of Biden's presidency. It offers a window into how the administration plans to use federal agencies in the coming months to advance its priorities. Its impact potentially ripples from multinational corporations to local agencies and average citizens. [[Continue Reading](#)]

## CONGRESS

**WSJ: Senate Begins Debate of Bipartisan Gun Control Bill**, Eliza Collins and Natalie Andrews, June 22, 2022, 12:42 AM

The Senate began debate Tuesday on bipartisan legislation intended to curb gun violence, in what would represent the first major federal change to gun laws in decades. Senators easily cleared the simple majority threshold required to advance the package, 64-34; final passage will need at least 60 votes. Debate on the proposed legislation is expected to continue through the week. Lawmakers who worked on the bill said they hope to have it pass the Senate before the chamber breaks next week for a two-week recess. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Bloomberg](#), [CBS](#), [The Hill](#), [NBC](#), [Reuters](#), [USA Today](#), [WaPo](#)

**WAGA-Fox (Atlanta, GA): Marjorie Taylor Greene accuses Democrat's chief of staff of vandalizing her sign, says DOJ won't prosecute**, Unattributed, June 21, 2022, 8:33 PM

Georgia Congresswoman Marjorie Taylor Greene said she finally knows who is responsible for "attacks on my office and my Christian faith." She is calling on the Department of Justice to take action. The Republican who represents Georgia's 14th Congressional District took to the floor of the House on Tuesday to present her evidence. [[Continue Reading](#)]

## NETWORK EVENING NEWS LINEUP: JUNE 21, 2022

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

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

**NBC: Nightly News with Lester Holt**

- The head of the Texas Department of Public Safety blasted the Uvalde school police chief's response to the shooting, saying his response was a "failure" and that the attack could have been stopped within three minutes after the gunman entered the school. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- Senate lawmakers say a tentative deal has been made on a bipartisan gun reform bill that would toughen federal gun laws and provide billions of dollars for school safety and mental health programs. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- Election officials from Arizona and Georgia testified about the pressure campaign they felt from former President Trump and the threats they received after being falsely accused of fraud at the fourth Jan. 6 public hearing today. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- The US State Department confirmed that 52-year-old Stephen Zabielski is the second American to be killed while fighting in Ukraine. An 8 year old boy was among at least 15 people killed in Ukraine during a

Russian attack on Kharkiv, which remains under constant shelling. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]

- Hot temperatures turned tragic in Houston on Monday when Texas authorities say a 5-year-old boy died after being left in a car as temperatures topped 100 degrees. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#)]
- A plane's landing gear collapsed and caught fire when it touched down in Miami. There were 126 people on board. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#)]
- The Supreme Court is breaking down the barrier between church and state in their latest ruling. Maine gives taxpayer money to families who live in areas that don't have public high schools, but that public money is banned from being used in schools that offer religious instruction. [[NBC](#)]
- Certified Nursing Assistants have become the backbone to sustaining nursing homes since the start of the pandemic, but a recent survey shows 87% of providers are now facing shortages. [[CBS](#)]
- 64-year-old Judy Huth accused Bill Cosby of sexually assaulting her in 1975 at the Playboy Mansion when she was 16 and Cosby was 37. In court, Cosby's attorneys called her accusations "a complete and utter fabrication." [[NBC](#)]
- Football player Deshaun Watson reportedly settled sexual misconduct lawsuits with 20 women, according to the accusers' lawyer. The attorney says four more women's lawsuits are still moving forward. [[NBC](#)]
- With COVID vaccines now available for 20 million children under the age of 5, President Biden and the first lady visited a clinic in DC. where parents have been waiting for nearly a year and a half to get their kids vaccinated. [[CBS](#)]

## MORNING HEADLINES

- "Hundreds Killed in Afghanistan Earthquake" [[WSJ](#), [NYT](#), [WaPo](#), [LAT](#)]
- "Trump's pressure drew violence, threats to resistant officials, committee reveals" [[WaPo](#), [LAT](#)]
- "Bipartisan Gun Bill Clears Initial Vote in Senate" [[NYT](#), [WaPo](#), [LAT](#)]
- "Investigators probing 'deputy gang' violence were told not to ask about Banditos, chief says" [[LAT](#)]

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## JAN. 6

**NYT: Despite Growing Evidence, a Prosecution of Trump Would Face Challenges**, Michael S. Schmidt and Maggie Haberman, June 18, 2022, 9:43 PM

As new questions swirled this past week about former President Donald J. Trump's potential criminal exposure for seeking to overturn the 2020 election, Mr. Trump issued a rambling 12-page statement. [...] Attorney General Merrick B. Garland has given no public indication that the department is building a case against Mr. Trump, who has long contended that the investigations into the Jan. 6 attack are partisan and unfounded and whose side of the story has not been presented in the House committee's hearings. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**NYT: A Day After a Portrait of Pence in Danger, Trump Attacks Him Again**, Maggie Haberman, June 17, 2022, 7:06 PM

A day after the House committee investigating the Jan. 6 assault illustrated the serious danger that rioters posed to Mike Pence, former President Donald J. Trump unleashed a new attack on the man who had served him as vice president, criticizing him for refusing to interfere with the Electoral College certification of the 2020 presidential contest. Speaking on Friday afternoon before a faith-based group, Mr. Trump said that "Mike did not have the courage to act" in trying to unilaterally reject the Electoral College votes that were being cast for Joseph R. Biden Jr. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**The Hill: Trump says he would look 'very, very seriously' at pardons for Jan 6 defendants if reelected**, Caroline Vakil, June 17, 2022, 4:40 PM

Former President Trump said on Friday that he would look "very, very seriously" at pardoning those charged in connection with storming the Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021, if he ran for and became president again. Speaking during a Faith and Freedom event in Nashville, Tenn., Trump said the defendants charged in the Capitol riot were "having their lives totally destroyed and being treated worse than terrorists and murderers," claiming that most had been "charged with parading through the Capitol." [[Continue Reading](#)]

**NYT: Jan. 6 Panel Could Start Sharing Transcripts With Justice Dept. as Soon as July**, Glenn Thrush and Luke Broadwater, June 17, 2022, 1:59 PM

The House committee investigating the Jan. 6 attack could start sharing some transcripts of witness interviews with federal prosecutors as early as next month as Justice Department officials ratchet up public pressure on the panel to turn over the documents. Negotiations between Justice Department officials and Timothy J. Heaphy, the lead investigator for the House panel and a former federal prosecutor, have intensified in recent days, as the two sides wrangle over the timing and content of the material to be turned over, according to several people familiar with the talks but not authorized to publicly discuss the matter. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [CNN](#), [The Hill](#), [NBC](#)

**Reuters: Ex-Trump adviser Navarro pleads not guilty to contempt of Congress charges**, Sarah N. Lynch, June 17, 2022, 12:36 PM

Former Republican President Donald Trump's adviser Peter Navarro pleaded not guilty on Friday to two misdemeanor counts of contempt of Congress, after he refused to provide testimony or documents to the U.S. House of Representatives Committee investigating the January 2021 attack at the Capitol. Navarro, who appeared in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia for his arraignment on

Friday, wrote a book after he left the White House in which he talked about a plan to delay Congress from certifying President Joe Biden's victory known as "Green Bay Sweep," according to the indictment. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [AP](#), [Axios](#), [Washington Examiner](#), [WaPo](#)

**Reuters: Cowboys for Trump founder sentenced to 14 days for breaching Capitol grounds**, Sarah N. Lynch, June 17, 2022, 5:23 PM

A Republican member of a governing commission in New Mexico who founded a group called "Cowboys for Trump" was sentenced in federal court on Friday to 14 days in jail over his role in breaching the U.S. Capitol grounds during the Jan. 6, 2021, riot. But the man, Couy Griffin, will get credit for the 20 days he already served in pretrial detention, and will not be required to report to prison, the judge said. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [AP](#), [CNN](#), [HuffPost](#), [Insider \(New York City, NY\)](#), [LAT](#), [NBC](#), [PBS](#), [Politico](#), [WaPo](#)

**The Hill: Doctor who pushed hydroxychloroquine gets 60-day prison sentence for storming Capitol on Jan. 6**, Chloe Folmar, June 17, 2022, 8:33 AM

A doctor who gained public attention after promoting the unproven drug hydroxychloroquine as a cure for COVID-19 in a 2020 video retweeted by former President Trump was sentenced Thursday to two months in prison for her involvement in the Jan. 6, 2021, attack on the U.S. Capitol. Simone Gold, the founder of anti-COVID-19 restriction group America's Frontline Doctors, pleaded guilty in March to entering and remaining in a restricted building or grounds when she stormed the Capitol last year. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**Daily Caller: 'What We Need Are Facts': CNN Legal Analysts Throw Cold Water On Charging Trump For Jan. 6**, Harold Hutchison, June 17, 2022, 3:13 PM

Two lawyers told CNN "New Day" hosts Brianna Keilar and John Berman Friday morning that securing charges against former President Donald Trump could be difficult. Daniel Goldman, a former House impeachment counsel, and Jeffrey Toobin, a CNN legal analyst, explained that prosecutors would need to gather facts about Trump's actions and comments in order to determine what charges to file. [...] The Jan. 6 select committee held three hearings since June 9, which have been criticized as "illegitimate" by Republicans. After the second hearing Monday, Democrats and liberal media outlets hyped the potential for fraud charges against former President Trump. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**The Hill: Lofgren on Trump criminal referral: Justice Department 'has to make its own decision'**, Zach Schonfeld, June 19, 2022, 11:28 AM

Rep. Zoe Lofgren (D-Calif.), a member of the House select committee investigating the Jan. 6, 2021 attack on the Capitol, argued on Sunday that it is not the role of Congress to make prosecutorial decisions as the Department of Justice (DOJ) faces mounting pressure to file charges against former President Trump in connection with the rioting. When asked by moderator Margaret Brennan on CBS's "Face the Nation" if the committee is laying a roadmap for the DOJ to prosecute Trump, Lofgren said the committee's scope is limited to "laying out facts" and proposing legislative remedies. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**WaPo: [OPINION] Thanks, Kevin McCarthy, for making the Jan. 6 hearings worthwhile**, E.J. Dionne Jr., June 19, 2022, 8:00 AM

The hearings organized by the House committee investigating the Jan. 6 insurrection are getting high marks for calling public attention to new and damning information while also offering a compelling narrative of a frightening criminal effort to destroy our democracy. But it tells us a lot about the low expectations of the legislative branch that so much of the praise is couched in the language of pleasant surprise. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**CNN: Arizona House speaker, who resisted Trump pressure campaign, testifying at January 6 hearing Tuesday**, Manu Raju, June 18, 2022, 6:12 PM

Rusty Bowers, a Republican and Arizona state House speaker, will testify at a Tuesday hearing focusing

on former President Donald Trump's pressure on state officials to overturn Joe Biden's victory in 2020, a source familiar with the matter told CNN earlier Saturday. Bowers will join Georgia's election officials — Brad Raffensperger and Gabe Sterling — who will be part of a panel before the January 6 committee detailing Trump's campaign to force states to overturn their certified election results. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**WaPo: It wasn't just Proud Boys. Interconnected extremists converged on Jan. 6.**, Michael Jensen, June 17, 2022, 4:38 PM

Super Happy Fun America, the Woodland Wild Dogs and America First Bruins are not household names in the way the Proud Boys, the Oath Keepers and QAnon are. But they, too, are groups whose members or associates have been charged with participating in the Jan. 6 attack on the Capitol last year. [[Continue Reading](#)]

## CRIMINAL LAW

**Baltimore Sun (Baltimore, MD): Federal judge allows Baltimore State's Attorney Mosby to continue renewed push to have her indictment dismissed**, Alex Mann, June 17, 2022, 4:36 PM

A federal judge has allowed Baltimore State's Attorney Marilyn Mosby's renewed push to have some of her charges dismissed to go forward, paving the way for another round of legal papers and, eventually, arguments in court. U.S. District Judge Lydia Griggsby on Thursday issued an order granting Mosby the ability to go forward with a new argument for why two of the four charges brought against her should be dismissed. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**WFLD-Fox (Chicago, IL): Chicago man charged with trafficking guns, including 'ghost gun' and machine gun**, Unattributed, June 17, 2022, 4:32 PM (EDT)

Anthony Perez-Flores, 27, was arrested Thursday. He's charged with dealing firearms without a license and illegally possessing guns as a convicted felon. According to a criminal complaint, Perez-Flores — on 10 separate occasions — sold 13 guns in Chicago this year. All the sales allegedly happened in an alley in the Dunning neighborhood. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**CBS: Pittsburgh man pleads guilty to trafficking cocaine, shooting ATF agent during raid**, Madeline Bartos, June 17, 2022, 2:33 PM

A Pittsburgh man admitted to trafficking cocaine and shooting an ATF agent during a raid. Forty-six-year-old Dion Williams pleaded guilty to violating federal narcotics and firearms laws and assaulting a federal agent with a dangerous weapon, prosecutors announced Friday. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**AP: Man gets more than 3 years in prison for \$13M COVID-19 fraud**, Unattributed, June 17, 2022, 3:48 PM (EDT)

A Massachusetts businessman convicted of fraudulently seeking more than \$13 million in federal coronavirus pandemic relief loans has been sentenced to more than three years in prison. Elijah Majak Buo, 40, of Winchester, was also sentenced to three years of supervised release and ordered to pay restitution of \$2 million and forfeiture of \$2 million by a Boston federal court judge Thursday. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Law360](#)

**The Malibu Times (Malibu, CA): Man pleads guilty in case involving \$5M in fraudulent COVID loans**, Jimmy Tallal, June 18, 2022, 2:32 PM (EDT)

An Orange County man pled guilty after federal prosecutors said he received more than \$5 million in covid-19 relief loans for three fake shell companies. Raghavender Reddy Budamala, 35, used the sham companies to apply for Paycheck Protection Program and Economic Injury Disaster loans, according to the plea agreement filed in U.S. District Court on June 3. Budamala pled guilty to one count each of money laundering and bank fraud; and agreed to give all of his "ill-gotten gains" back to the government. [[Continue Reading](#)]

*KPVI-NBC (Pocatello, ID): Muscogee County clerk sentenced to 12-plus years in federal prison,* Unattributed, June 18, 2022, 5:46 PM (EDT)

The ring-leader of a massive and lengthy scheme to drain the Muscogee County Clerk of Courts' coffers of millions of dollars was sentenced to prison for his crime along with five co-defendants recently. Willie Demps, 64, of Phenix City, Ala., and the former Deputy Clerk of Court for Muscogee County was sentenced to serve the guideline maximum of 121 months imprisonment for conspiracy to commit bank fraud. [[Continue Reading](#)]

*WWBT-NBC (Richmond, VA): Beagle breeding facility shutting down over violations will be allowed to sell 500 dogs,* Robert Zullo and Kate Masters, June 18, 2022, 4:59 PM

A federal judge will allow Envigo — which is shutting down a controversial dog-breeding facility in Cumberland County under pressure from federal regulators because of a string of animal welfare violations— to sell more than 500 dogs to labs over the objections of the U.S. Department of Justice. Federal attorneys seeking an injunction to enforce the terms of the act had argued that Envigo, which breeds the beagles for medical research, should be prohibited from selling the dogs since its had violated the terms of its license issued by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. [[Continue Reading](#)]

## CIVIL RIGHTS

*WDSU-NBC (New Orleans, LA): Federal judge will draw new Louisiana congressional map,* Kacey Buercklin, June 18, 2022, 11:16 PM (EDT)

A federal judge will draw a new Louisiana congressional map with a second majority-minority district after the Louisiana Legislature failed to do so. Louisiana Middle District U.S. Judge Shelly Dick will now be in charge of drawing her own version of the map for the state. On June 6, Dick had ruled that the congressional map passed by lawmakers in February violated the Voting Rights Act because it only had one majority-minority district. [[Continue Reading](#)]

*Reuters: New York state leaves disabled to 'languish' in institutions, new lawsuit claims,* Brendan Pierson, June 17, 2022, 12:58 PM

New York state is facing a proposed class action accusing it of allowing people with developmental disabilities who qualify for community-based services through Medicaid to remain in restricted institutional settings. The lawsuit, filed Thursday in Manhattan federal court by the legal non-profit Disability Rights New York (DRNY), Kasowitz Benson Torres and Mental Hygiene Legal Services for the First and Third Judicial Departments, accuses the state Department of Health (DOH) and its Office for People with Developmental Disability (OPWDD) of shirking their legal obligation to arrange for community-based services when possible. [[Continue Reading](#)]

*Daily Beast: Feds Charge Florida Duo With Hate Crimes for Vile Axe Attack,* Emily Hernandez, June 17, 2022, 1:41 PM

Two Florida men have been charged with federal hate crimes after allegedly violently attacking a Black man in November 2017. In an indictment, Roy Lashley, 55, and Robert Lashley, 52, are accused of yelling racial slurs at the victim, identified only as D.B., while also hitting him with their fists and an axe handle. The pair, egging each other on, willfully injured D.B., a Black man, because of his “actual and perceived race,” the indictment says. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [WPLG-ABC \(Miami, FL\)](#), [WPLG-ABC \(Miami, FL\)](#)

## CIVIL LAW

*LAT: Justice Department makes public search warrant targeting Sen. Richard Burr over stock trades,* Sarah D. Wire, June 17, 2022, 11:02 PM

The Justice Department on Friday made public a search warrant it used to obtain Sen. Richard M. Burr's cellphone in 2020 as part of an investigation into his stock trades at the start of the COVID-19 pandemic. The department released the search warrant and accompanying affidavit in response to a lawsuit brought by the Los Angeles Times. [[Continue Reading](#)]

## ANTITRUST

*Law360: Google Can't Ask About Default Search Contracts With Rivals*, Bryan Koenig, June 17, 2022, 7:46 PM (EDT)

A D.C. federal judge refused Friday to force the Justice Department to answer additional questions about its views on the web of contracts keeping Google as the default search on smartphones, questioning why it matters if the government would consider those deals illegal if struck by other providers. [[Continue Reading](#)]

## FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES

*Washington Times: US Marshals case puts spotlight on police cellphone tracking*, Stephen Dinan, Sunday, June 19, 2022, 8:35 AM

The cellphone tracking tool a federal agent allegedly used to track a former girlfriend may have been scuttled, but analysts say they fear police have even more invasive technology at their fingertips now. Adrian O. Pena, a deputy U.S. Marshal in Texas, was indicted this month by prosecutors who say he used Securus Technologies' LBS platform to track people with whom he had "personal relationships," violating the intent of the tool, which was to be used by cops engaged in official business. [[Continue Reading](#)]

*Washington Examiner: FBI official may have violated Hatch Act with anti-Trump posts: DOJ watchdog*, Jerry Dunleavy, June 17, 2022, 3:01 PM

The Justice Department's watchdog said an FBI official handling sensitive criminal cases in the nation's capital may have violated the law due to his partisan social media posts, many of which criticized then-President Donald Trump and then-Attorney General William Barr. DOJ Inspector General Michael Horowitz revealed that Timothy Thibault, the FBI assistant special agent in charge at the Washington Field Office, may have broken the Hatch Act, an inconsistently enforced 1939 law that precludes most executive branch federal employees from engaging in electioneering and political activity. [[Continue Reading](#)]

*WEWS-ABC (Cleveland, OH): High School students get a glimpse inside the Cleveland FBI*, Tracy Carloss, June 18, 2022, 10:08 PM

Dozens of local high school students got an inside look at the FBI and what it's like to be an FBI Agent. The Cleveland Field Office hosted the Future Agents in Training Program giving teenagers four days of classes and activities simulating the work of real agents. The program includes a glimpse into cybercrime, SWAT, terrorism prevention and more. [[Continue Reading](#)]

*WSMV-NBC (Nashville, TN): FBI official warn of sexual assault on aircrafts*, Mary Alice Royse, June 18, 2022, 7:21 PM

The FBI Memphis Office warned Tennesseans about a recent spike in sexual assault on airplanes this week. FBI officials said in each of their 56 field offices; that airport liaison agents are assigned to nearly 450 United States aviation facilities with passenger screening operations regulated by the Transportation Security Administration. [[Continue Reading](#)]

*WBTW-CBS (Florence, SC): Suspected Alabama church shooter got warning letter from ATF over missing gun inventory*, Lee Hedgepeth, June 18, 2022, 5:46 PM

The man accused of killing three people at an Alabama church on Thursday was a licensed gun dealer,

who according to government records, had received a warning letter from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms in 2018 related to missing gun inventory. Robert F. Smith, 70, was charged Friday with capital murder in the shooting at St. Stephen's Church in Vestavia Hills. [[Continue Reading](#)]

## CRIMINAL JUSTICE/CORRECTIONS

**Fox: Virginia inmates escape from federal prison**, Lawrence Richard, June 19, 2022, 2:41 AM  
Authorities are searching for four inmates who escaped from a federal prison in Virginia this weekend, officials said. Corey Branch, Tavares Lajuane Graham, Lamonte Rashawn Willis and Kareem Allen Shaw went missing from the Federal Correctional Complex Petersburg's satellite camp in Hopewell, Virginia, around 1:45 a.m. Saturday, FOX 5 of Washington D.C. reported. Hopewell is located about 20 miles from Richmond, Virginia, which is the state's capital. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [The Daily Press Inc. \(Newport News, Virginia\)](#), [Daily Voice \(Saddle Brook, NJ\)](#), [Insider](#), [NBC](#), [The Progress-Index \(Petersburg, VA\)](#)

## US ATTORNEY/ DOJ AWARDS AND GRANTS

**Post and Courier (Charleston, SC): US Attorney Corey Ellis says 'blood in the streets' justifies federal gun crackdown**, Steve Garrison and Kailey Cota, June 18, 10:46 AM (EDT)  
The U.S. Attorney for South Carolina met this week with Lowcountry law enforcement officials to discuss ways to tamp down on growing gun violence. U.S. Attorney Corey Ellis told local officials in the June 14 meeting his office has loosened its guidelines for charging felons with gun offenses, allowing local authorities to file more cases in the federal system where criminals face stiffer penalties. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**WPRI-CBS (Providence, RI): US attorney seeks to finish 'naked fat test' investigation by next school year**, Eli Sherman, Tim White and Ted Nesi, June 17, 2022, 5:25 PM (EDT)  
Rhode Island U.S. Attorney Zachary Cunha is seeking to complete his civil rights investigation of the North Kingstown School Department by the fall, saying he wants to make a decision ahead of next school year in the event some type of corrective action is required. The state's top federal prosecutor launched the Title IV investigation earlier this year in the wake of the naked fat test scandal involving by Aaron Thomas, the high school's former boys basketball coach. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**The Herald Democrat (Sherman, TX): U.S. Attorney's Office joins Texoma senior citizens to combat elder financial abuse**, Unattributed, June 17, 2022, 10:16 AM  
The U.S. Attorney's Office is promoting World Elder Abuse Awareness in conjunction with the Department of Justice's Elder Justice Initiative to help seniors in the Eastern District of Texas avoid falling victim to financial exploitation, announced U.S. Attorney Brit Featherston today. The U.S. Attorney's Office is participating in events through the summer to provide educational programming to seniors such as a presentation provided to residents of the Pecan Place Senior Apartments in Bonham. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**Boston Herald: Two Massachusetts police officers receive U.S. Attorney General's award for distinguished service in policing**, Marie Szaniszló, June 18, 2022, 7:23 PM  
In the summer of 2020, at the height of the COVID pandemic, Barnstable Police Officer Danielle St. Peter found a woman in her 20s and her baby living in a camp with other homeless people. [...] On Friday, U.S. Attorney Rachael Rollins presented St. Peter and Walpole School Resource Officer Tommy Hart with U.S. Attorney General Merrick Garland's Award for distinguished service in community policing. They were among only 18 officers across the nation to receive the award. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**KRQE-CBS (Albuquerque, NM): \$3M navigator grant to help unemployed New Mexicans**, Scott

Brown, June 18, 2022, 8:34 PM (EDT)

The state is getting nearly \$3 million to expand unemployment benefits to marginalized communities. The Department of Justice awarded New Mexico a Navigator Grant worth \$2.5 million. The grant is going to be used to expand and support unemployment insurance benefits to marginalized communities in the state. [[Continue Reading](#)]

## US SUPREME COURT

**AP: Justices seem poised to hear elections case pressed by GOP**, Mark Sherman and Gary D. Robertson, June 19, 2022, 8:57 PM

The Supreme Court seems poised to take on a new elections case being pressed by Republicans that could increase the power of state lawmakers over races for Congress and the presidency, as well as redistricting, and cut state courts out of the equation. The issue has arisen repeatedly in cases from North Carolina and Pennsylvania, where Democratic majorities on the states' highest courts have invoked voting protections in their state constitutions to frustrate the plans of Republican-dominated legislatures. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [PBS](#)

**NYT: Republican Drive to Tilt Courts Against Climate Action Reaches a Crucial Moment**, Coral Davenport, June 19, 2022, 9:08 AM

Within days, the conservative majority on the Supreme Court is expected to hand down a decision that could severely limit the federal government's authority to reduce carbon dioxide from power plants — pollution that is dangerously heating the planet. But it's only a start. The case, *West Virginia v. Environmental Protection Agency*, is the product of a coordinated, multiyear strategy by Republican attorneys general, conservative legal activists and their funders, several with ties to the oil and coal industries, to use the judicial system to rewrite environmental law, weakening the executive branch's ability to tackle global warming. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**Fox: Pro-choice protesters descend on Coney Barrett's home with blood and doll props**, Emma Colton, June 19, 2022, 11:20 AM

Pro-choice protesters congregated outside Supreme Court Justice Amy Coney Barrett's Virginia home on Saturday, dressed in clothing appearing to be soaked with blood and holding baby doll toys. "Abortion on demand and without apology," signs held by members of the group Rise Up 4 Abortion Rights read on Saturday as they stood outside Barrett's home in Falls Church. [[Continue Reading](#)]

## CONGRESS

**The Hill: Rep. Bobby Rush asks DOJ to investigate Idaho white supremacists**, Cheyanne M. Daniels, June 17, 2022, 5:07 PM

Rep. Bobby Rush (D-Ill.) is urging the Department of Justice to investigate whether the 31 white nationalists arrested by Idaho Police for conspiracy to riot at an Idaho Pride event violated federal law. The men, identified as members of the white supremacist organization Patriot Front, have been charged with the state-level misdemeanor of conspiracy to riot and released on bond. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**Richmond Observer (Rockingham, NC): NC's congressional Republicans call on Feds to investigate pro-life center attacks**, David Larson, June 17, 2022, 2:12 PM

After a string of attacks on pro-life pregnancy-support centers across the country, seven Republican members of North Carolina's congressional delegation signed a letter to U.S. Attorney General Merrick Garland to investigate the attacks as domestic terrorism. U.S. Reps. Ted Budd, Patrick McHenry, Greg Murphy, Madison Cawthorn, Richard Hudson, Virginia Foxx, and David Rouzer all signed the letter. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**WHEC-NBC (Rochester, NY): Congressman Joe Morelle calls for federal intervention to address**

**gun violence across Rochester community**, Unattributed, June 17, 2022 11:43 PM

Congressman Joe Morelle called on the United States Department of Justice and Attorney General Merrick Garland on Friday to take immediate action to address the surge in gun violence in Rochester. Rep. Morelle urged collaboration across all levels of government and outlined steps the Department of Justice must take to protect families in the Rochester community. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [WHAM-ABC/The CW \(Rochester, NY\)](#)

**WXIN-Fox (Indianapolis, IN): Sen. Young, Grassley push AG on lack of charges for FBI agents in Nassar investigation**, Joe Hopkins, June 17, 2022, 10:41 AM

Senators Todd Young (IN) and Charles Grassley (Iowa) issued a letter to U.S. Attorney General Merrick Garland pushing the Department of Justice to explain its justification for opting not to charge two former FBI officials who failed to properly respond to information about the abuse of young gymnasts. The former FBI agents failed to quickly open an investigation of sports doctor Larry Nassar despite learning in 2015 that he was accused of sexually assaulting female gymnasts. [[Continue Reading](#)]

## ADMINISTRATION

**Reuters: U.S. mulling pausing federal gas tax as option to cut prices, energy secretary says**,

Kanishka Singh and Chizu Nomiya, June 19, 2022, 9:55 AM

U.S. Energy Secretary Jennifer Granholm said on Sunday that the administration of U.S. President Joe Biden was evaluating a pause on federal gas tax as one of the options to bring down prices. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**WSJ: Democrats Expect Joe Biden to Run in 2024. They're Less Sure If He Should.**, Joshua

Jamerson and Tarini Parti, June 19, 2022 8:00 AM

Democratic insiders in Washington and key primary states expect President Biden to follow through on his intention to stand for re-election and appear to have little appetite for casting him aside, though they expressed concerns about his advanced age and persistently low poll numbers. The White House has repeatedly said that Mr. Biden, 79, the oldest president to be sworn into office, intends to run for re-election. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Fox](#)

**Bloomberg: US Rejects China's Claims Over Taiwan Strait as Concerns Grow**, Peter Martin and Jennifer Jacobs, June 18, 2022, 10:35 PM

Biden administration officials have decided to reject a vague new assertion by China that the Taiwan Strait is not "international waters" and are increasingly concerned the stance could result in more frequent challenges at sea for the democratically-governed island, according to people familiar with the matter. Chinese officials have made such remarks repeatedly in meetings with US counterparts in recent months, Bloomberg reported last week. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**Washington Examiner: [EDITORIAL] Biden needs to do more than condemn pro-abortion violence**, Editorial Board, June 19, 2022, 12:00 AM

A White House assistant press secretary finally condemned the violence of the pro-abortion group "Jane's Revenge" this week, but voters need to see President Joe Biden himself make a stronger condemnation of the group, and, more importantly, the Department of Justice needs to start arresting and prosecuting them and their allies before people are killed. In a statement posted this week, the pro-abortion group calling itself Jane's Revenge claimed responsibility for 16 separate arson and vandalism attacks on pregnancy resource centers in 10 different states. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**Reuters: U.S. national security adviser Sullivan tests positive for COVID.** Unattributed, June 18, 2022, 9:48 PM

U.S. national security adviser Jake Sullivan tested positive for COVID-19 on Saturday, a spokesperson said, a week before he is due to accompany President Joe Biden to a meeting of the Group of Seven

advanced economies. National Security Council spokesperson Adrienne Watson said Sullivan had not been in close contact with Biden, and was asymptomatic. It was his first COVID infection, she said.

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## **NETWORK EVENING NEWS LINEUP: JUNE 17, 2022**

- Three Americans fighting for Ukraine are feared missing. Two of the Americans are feared captured by Russia. This as the leaders of France, Germany, Italy, and Romania visited Kiev with President Volodymyr Zelenskyy stating, "...we can and must work together." [\[ABC, CBS\]](#)
- The Jan. 6 House Committee's third hearing aired testimony demonstrating the pressure former President Trump placed on former Vice-President Pence to overturn President Biden's victory. Testimony demonstrated Trump was told the attempt to overturn the election was illegal. If Pence had done what Trump had wanted, the US would have undergone a Revolution within a Constitutional Crisis. [\[ABC-1, ABC-2\]](#)
- A daring US Special Forces raid in Syria resulted in the live capture of ISIS leader, Hani Ahmed Al-Kurdi, who is responsible for coordinating attacks on US forces. There were no US injuries or damage to military aircraft in the latest daring mission in Al-Kurdi's capture. [\[ABC\]](#)
- The Abbott Nutrition Formula Plant in Sturgis, Michigan has been shut down again due to storm related flooding. The company said it had sufficient supplies of EleCare and most of its specialty and metabolic formulas to meet demand until new formula is available while the company assesses the damage from the storm and cleans the plant. [\[ABC\]](#)
- After the massive federal interest rate hike, President Biden addressed the growing fear of a recession stating it's not inevitable that we have a recession because the US is in a better position than any other country to overcome this. The DOW fell to 29927.07, its lowest point in more than a year. [\[ABC\]](#)
- In Uvalde, Texas the funerals continue for the twenty-one victims. The funeral for Layla Salazar, marks the twentieth funeral. The twenty-first and final funeral is scheduled for Saturday. [\[ABC\]](#)
- In Alabama, a third person has died following a shooting at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church outside Birmingham. The suspect Robert Findlay Smith occasionally attended the church and was at a dinner there when he pulled out a handgun and started firing. Smith was subdued by someone at the event until police arrived and took him into custody. [\[CBS\]](#)
- Today, former President Donald Trump denounced the Jan. 6 investigation, mocked his enemies, denied calling VP Mike Pence a wimp, defended the mob that stormed the US Capitol, and spoke of possibly pardoning the more 800 rioters jailed for storming the Capitol in a speech at a Faith and Freedom event in Nashville, Tenn. A source close to the former President says Trump's anger at the House hearings is prodding Trump to run again. [\[CBS\]](#)
- The Watergate break-in which led to the resignation of President Richard Nixon occurred 50 years ago. Lesley Stahl briefly spoke of her reporting as a rookie reporter during the Watergate scandal. [\[CBS\]](#)

## **NETWORK EVENING NEWS LINEUP: JUNE 18, 2022**

- The CDC unanimously approved the Moderna and Pfizer COVID vaccinations for children from 5y/o to 6 months old and may be available next week. CDC Director, Dr. Rochelle Walensky gave the final approval stating she is aware that many parents of young children are waiting for this day. [\[ABC, CBS\]](#)
- The three missing Americans are all service members with two of the Americans appear to be Russian captives, while the third has not been heard from since April. Russia warns these fighters

are not protected under the Geneva Convention and will be treated as mercenaries. All this while Russian forces continue to attack the Donbass region with Ukraine continuing to fight back. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#)]

- Reports of shots fired occurred late today at the Tysons Corner Mall in Virginia. The incident occurred from a fight with one man discharging a weapon. While no one was harmed by gun fire, 3 people were hurt during the chaos. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#)]
- President Biden fell off his bicycle in Rehoboth Beach, Delaware. Biden's foot got stuck on the pedal guard as he attempted to get off his bicycle. The President stated he was fine, hopping in place to show his recovery. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#)]
- Reports reveal Uvalde Officers saw the gunman shooting outside the Robb Elementary school but initially thought the shots were directed at them. The officers took cover behind a police car and did not open fire because kids were in the background and feared harming children. The push for gun reform continues with a bipartisan group working together, with focus on red flags law and the "boyfriend" loophole. [[ABC](#)]
- Runaway inflation with prices rising the fastest in the last 40 years have hit Americans hard as government officials look for ways to ease the pain. The Biden Administration continues to downplay the possibility of recession with a strong labor market but if business leaders lose confidence in the economy that could make any potential slowdown worse. [[ABC](#)]

## SUNDAY MORNING TALK SHOWS

### ***ABC This Week with George Stephanopoulos***

- Secretary of Treasury Janet Yellen discussed the possibility of a recession in the next year; rising inflation; Chairman Powell's plans to bring it down while maintaining a strong labor market; and the Administration's plan to deal with inflation and help consumers with the high prices of goods and gas. [[Watch](#)]

### ***CBS Face the Nation with Margaret Brennan***

- CBS News congressional correspondent Scott MacFarlane reports on the most recent evidence revealed by the House committee investigating Jan. 6 about the pressure campaign put on then-Vice President Mike Pence to overturn the 2020 election results and the threat of these events on American democracy. [[Watch](#)]
- Rep. Zoe Lofgren, a California Democratic member of the House committee investigating the Jan. 6 insurrection, says former President Trump intended to accelerate the violence against then-Vice President Mike Pence with his tweet on Jan. 6, and Americans need to stand up against political violence. [[Watch](#)]

### ***NBC Meet the Press with Chuck Todd***

- In an exclusive interview, Rep. Jamie Raskin (D-Md.), member of the January 6th Select Committee, says former President Donald Trump has to be held accountable for his actions. [[Watch-1](#)] [[Watch-2](#)][[Watch-3](#)]
- Former Secretary of the Treasury Larry Summers says that there are no historical precedents for today's inflation rate without triggering a recession. [[Watch](#)]
- The panel discussed former President Trump's latest attacks on his Vice President Mike Pence and looked to where the January 6th Committee could be headed with their investigation and what would Attorney General Garland do with all the evidence that has been presented. [[Watch](#)]

### ***FOX News Sunday with Shannon Bream***

- Fox News Sunday reviewed the Administration's attempts to curb inflation with the largest interest rate hike in 30 years as it faces increasing pressure to curb rising prices. President Biden took aim

at oil companies as the reason for high prices and is working on legislation with top democrats to fight inflation, as well as gun control measures. [\[Watch\]](#)

- National Economic Council Director Brian Deese discussed the majority of Americans feeling pessimistic about the economy; President Biden's top economic priority of fighting inflation and bringing down prices without giving up the economic gains that have been made; top businesses fearing a recession as Feds raise interest rates; the Administration's plans to increase the oil supply; Energy executives stating the Administration is hindering investment in the industry; and President Biden's upcoming trip to Saudi Arabia. [\[Watch-1\]](#)[\[Watch-2\]](#)

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## US ATTORNEYS

***Boston Herald: Rachael Rollins named vice-chair of U.S. Attorney General's civil rights advisory committee***, Flint McColgan, June 18, 2022, 7:04 PM

Rachael Rollins, the U.S. Attorney for Massachusetts, has been called to serve as the vice chairwoman of the Civil Rights Subcommittee for the U.S. Attorney General's Advisory Committee. "It is my sincere hope that we seize this moment in history to facilitate meaningful dialogue and action to combat the uptick in hate-based violence," Rollins said in a statement. "Civil rights are at the forefront of so many of the issues dividing our nation today. ... Our goal is to fulfill the promise of equality for everyone." [[Continue Reading](#)]

## DOJ AWARDS AND GRANTS

***Boston Herald: Two Massachusetts police officers receive U.S. Attorney General's award for distinguished service in policing***, Marie Szaniszlo, June 18, 2022, 7:23 PM

In the summer of 2020, at the height of the COVID pandemic, Barnstable Police Officer Danielle St. Peter found a woman in her 20s and her baby living in a camp with other homeless people. [...] On Friday, U.S. Attorney Rachael Rollins presented St. Peter and Walpole School Resource Officer Tommy Hart with U.S. Attorney General Merrick Garland's Award for distinguished service in community policing. They were among only 18 officers across the nation to receive the award. [[Continue Reading](#)]

***KRQE-CBS (Albuquerque, NM): \$3M navigator grant to help unemployed New Mexicans***, Scott Brown, June 18, 2022, 8:34 PM (EDT)

The state is getting nearly \$3 million to expand unemployment benefits to marginalized communities. The Department of Justice awarded New Mexico a Navigator Grant worth \$2.5 million. The grant is going to be used to expand and support unemployment insurance benefits to marginalized communities in the state. [[Continue Reading](#)]

## NATIONAL SECURITY

***NYT: Despite Growing Evidence, a Prosecution of Trump Would Face Challenges***, Michael S. Schmidt and Maggie Haberman, June 18, 2022, 9:43 PM

As new questions swirled this past week about former President Donald J. Trump's potential criminal exposure for seeking to overturn the 2020 election, Mr. Trump issued a rambling 12-page statement. [...] Attorney General Merrick B. Garland has given no public indication that the department is building a case against Mr. Trump, who has long contended that the investigations into the Jan. 6 attack are partisan and unfounded and whose side of

the story has not been presented in the House committee's hearings. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**HuffPost: Trump Incriminated Himself In 'Illegal' Election Plot Yet Again: George Conway,**

Mary Papenfuss, June 18, 2022, 8:17 PM

Former President Donald Trump continues to very publicly admit he was involved in an “illegal” scheme to overturn the election, conservative attorney George Conway said Saturday. In a two-hour speech at the “Faith and Freedom” conference on Friday, Trump talked at length about pressuring Mike Pence to reject electoral votes cast for Joe Biden on Jan. 6, 2021. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

## JAN. 6 COMMITTEE

**WaPo: [OPINION] Thanks, Kevin McCarthy, for making the Jan. 6 hearings worthwhile,** E.J. Dionne Jr.,

June 19, 2022, 8:00 AM

The hearings organized by the House committee investigating the Jan. 6 insurrection are getting high marks for calling public attention to new and damning information while also offering a compelling narrative of a frightening criminal effort to destroy our democracy. But it tells us a lot about the low expectations of the legislative branch that so much of the praise is couched in the language of pleasant surprise. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**CNN: Arizona House speaker, who resisted Trump pressure campaign, testifying at January 6 hearing**

**Tuesday,** Manu Raju, June 18, 2022, 6:12 PM

Rusty Bowers, a Republican and Arizona state House speaker, will testify at a Tuesday hearing focusing on former President Donald Trump's pressure on state officials to overturn Joe Biden's victory in 2020, a source familiar with the matter told CNN earlier Saturday. Bowers will join Georgia's election officials — Brad Raffensperger and Gabe Sterling — who will be part of a panel before the January 6 committee detailing Trump's campaign to force states to overturn their certified election results. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**The Hill: Lofgren on Trump criminal referral: Justice Department ‘has to make its own decision’,** Zach

Schonfeld, June 19, 2022, 11:28 AM

Rep. Zoe Lofgren (D-Calif.), a member of the House select committee investigating the Jan. 6, 2021 attack on the Capitol, argued on Sunday that it is not the role of Congress to make prosecutorial decisions as the Department of Justice (DOJ) faces mounting pressure to file charges against former President Trump in connection with the rioting. When asked by moderator Margaret Brennan on CBS's “Face the Nation” if the committee is laying a roadmap for the DOJ to prosecute Trump, Lofgren said the committee's scope is limited to “laying out facts” and proposing legislative remedies. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**The Hill: Jan. 6 committee is telling a story, but plenty of gaps remain,** Mike Lillis and Rebecca Beitsch,

June 19, 2022, 9:31 AM

The House committee investigating last year's mob attack on the U.S. Capitol has used a series of public hearings this month to craft a gripping case that former President Trump orchestrated an attempted coup against the very government he was charged to protect. Yet despite the willingness of hundreds of former Trump aides, Cabinet officials, family members and legal advisers to cooperate in the probe — and spill damning testimony in the process — there are plenty of gaps in the investigators' narrative that remain unfilled as the panel heads into another round of public proceedings this week. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**The Hill: 5 notable moments from Trump's remarks at Faith and Freedom Coalition event,** Jared Gans,

June 18, 2022, 6:27 PM

Former President Trump spoke at the Road to Majority Policy Conference of the Faith and Freedom Coalition, a conservative advocacy organization, in Nashville, Tenn., on Friday.

Trump repeatedly mentioned the ongoing investigations into the Jan. 6, 2021, Capitol insurrection throughout the speech, attacking the probes' legitimacy and defending those accused of having been involved in the riot.

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*The Hill*: **Signs of tension rise between Justice, Jan. 6 panel**, Harper Neidig, June 18, 2022, 5:00 PM

Tensions between the Justice Department and the House Jan. 6 select committee have slipped into public view amid the panel's first public hearings for its investigation. A standoff between the parallel probes over the committee's refusal to share its interview transcripts led federal prosecutors this week to agree to postpone the trial date for a group of Proud Boys leaders charged with seditious conspiracy. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

## CRIMINAL LAW

*Waterloo-Cedar Falls Courier (Cedar Falls, IA)*: **Man sentenced on gun charges, waiting trial in nightclub shooting**, Jeff Reinitz, June 19, 2022, 10:29 AM (EDT)

A former Waterloo man awaiting trial for a shooting outside a night club in 2021 has been sentenced to prison on weapons charges. Kalon Deon Bruce, 29, recently of Atlanta, Ga., was sentenced to two years in prison on a charge of felon in possession of a firearm on Friday in U.S. District Court in Cedar Rapids. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

*The Birmingham News (Birmingham, AL)*: **Alabama man found guilty of federal sex trafficking charges**, Amy Yurkanin, June 19, 2022, 9:48 AM

A federal jury found an Alabama man guilty last week of sex trafficking at least five victims – including a minor – who were coerced into prostitution, according to the U.S. Department of Justice. Lonnie Dontae Mitchell, 36, of Montgomery was arrested in September 2020 on suspicion of drug and sex trafficking, according to the Justice Department. A jury last year found him guilty of being a felon in possession of a firearm. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

*Palm Beach Post (West Palm Beach, FL)*: **Federal prosecutors allege police officer defrauded government for COVID-19 relief loan**, Jane Musgrave, June 19, 2022, 5:00 AM

A 44-year-old Coral Springs police officer who lives in Boca Raton has been accused of defrauding a federal program designed to help small businesses weather the COVID-19 storm.

Jason Scott Carter used the lion's share of a \$29,000 disaster relief loan he got from the U.S. Small Business Administration on repairs and services for his vintage car, federal prosecutors said in court papers. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [WFLA-NBC \(Tampa, FL\)](#)

*The Malibu Times (Malibu, CA)*: **Man pleads guilty in case involving \$5M in fraudulent COVID loans**, Jimmy Tallal, June 18, 2022, 2:32 PM (EDT)

An Orange County man pled guilty after federal prosecutors said he received more than \$5 million in covid-19 relief loans for three fake shell companies. Raghavender Reddy Budamala, 35, used the sham companies to apply for Paycheck Protection Program and Economic Injury Disaster loans, according to the plea agreement filed in U.S. District Court on June 3. Budamala pled guilty to one count each of money laundering and bank fraud; and agreed to give all of his "ill-gotten gains" back to the government. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

*KPVI-NBC (Pocatello, ID)*: **Muscogee County clerk sentenced to 12-plus years in federal prison**, Unattributed, June 18, 2022, 5:46 PM (EDT)

The ring-leader of a massive and lengthy scheme to drain the Muscogee County Clerk of Courts' coffers of millions of dollars was sentenced to prison for his crime along with five co-defendants recently. Willie Demps, 64, of Phenix City, Ala., and the former Deputy Clerk of Court for Muscogee County was sentenced to serve the guideline maximum of 121 months imprisonment for conspiracy to commit bank fraud. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

*WJBK-Fox (Detroit, MI):* **St. Louis woman pleads guilty to fraud involving pandemic loan**, Joey Schneider, June 18, 2022, 5:43 PM (EDT)

A St. Louis woman pleaded guilty Friday to fraud involving a \$291,000 loan intended to help businesses through the COVID-19 pandemic. Porshia L. Thomas, 31, is convicted of a federal felony bank fraud charge. She admitted that between April and September of 2020, she executed a scheme to fraudulently obtain a Paycheck Protection Program loan. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

*WWBT-NBC (Richmond, VA):* **Beagle breeding facility shutting down over violations will be allowed to sell 500 dogs**, Robert Zullo and Kate Masters, June 18, 2022, 4:59 PM

A federal judge will allow Envigo — which is shutting down a controversial dog-breeding facility in Cumberland County under pressure from federal regulators because of a string of animal welfare violations— to sell more than 500 dogs to labs over the objections of the U.S. Department of Justice. Federal attorneys seeking an injunction to enforce the terms of the act had argued that Envigo, which breeds the beagles for medical research, should be prohibited from selling the dogs since its had violated the terms of its license issued by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

*KATU-ABC (Portland, OR):* **Man faces federal charge for threatening shooting at Sherwood, Oregon school**, Unattributed, June 18, 2022, 4:44 PM (EDT)

A 26-year-old from Tigard is facing a federal charge, accused of threatening a mass shooting at an elementary school in Sherwood. A federal grand jury indicted Braedon Riess on Friday with Transmitting a Threat in Interstate Commerce. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [KMIZ-ABC \(Columbia, MO\)](#)

*KWTX-CBS (Waco, TX):* **Michigan man convicted on all charges after traveling to engage in sex with 14-year-old Lubbock girl**, Unattributed, June 18, 2022, 4:24 PM (EDT)

A 22-year-old Michigan man has been found guilty on multiple charges after traveling to engage in sexual conduct with a 14-year-old girl from Lubbock. Thomas John Boukamp fired six attorneys and chose to represent himself in the trial, which concluded on Thursday. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

*Patch (Tampa, FL):* **Tampa Felon Pleads Guilty To Possession Of Semi-Automatic Pistol**, D'Ann Lawrence White, June 18, 2022, 3:58 PM

A 23-year-old convicted felon pleaded guilty Friday in federal court to possessing a semi-automatic pistol after he was seen openly walking through a residential area in Tampa with the gun. Malachi Deloch faces a maximum penalty of 10 years in federal prison. A sentencing date has not yet been set. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

*Daily Voice (South Passaic, NJ):* **North Jersey Drug Ring Leader Gets 6½ Years In Federal Prison For 55 Pounds Of Coke**, Jerry DeMarco, June 18, 2022, 2:48 PM

A Morris County man caught with more than 44 pounds of cocaine and \$322,000 in cash in his home must spend the next 6½ years in federal prison for his role in a major Passaic County drug ring. Victor Pimentel, 46, of Parsippany, was the last of three men to be sentenced in the case. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

## CIVIL RIGHTS

*WDSU-NBC (New Orleans, LA):* **Federal judge will draw new Louisiana congressional map**, Kacey Buercklin, June 18, 2022, 11:16 PM (EDT)

A federal judge will draw a new Louisiana congressional map with a second majority-minority district after the Louisiana Legislature failed to do so. Louisiana Middle District U.S. Judge Shelly Dick will now be in charge of drawing her own version of the map for the state. On June 6, Dick had ruled that the congressional map passed by lawmakers in February violated the Voting Rights Act because it only had one majority-minority district.

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**WNDU-NBC (South Bend, IN): Justice Dept.: 2 men charged with hate crime in violent attack while shouting racial slurs**, Jordan Gartner, June 18, 2022, 7:45 PM (EDT)

A federal grand jury in Florida has charged two men with committing a hate crime. The Justice Department reports the indictment charging Roy Lashley, 55, and Robert Lashley, 52, was unsealed on Friday following the arrest of Robert Lashley. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [WITN-NBC \(Washington, NC\)](#)

## IMMIGRATION & BORDER SECURITY

**The Hill: [OPINION] Four years after Trump's 'Muslim ban,' its legacy lives on**, Christopher Richardson, June 18, 2022, 2:00 PM

Four years ago this month, on June 26, 2018, the Supreme Court upheld Trump v. Hawaii. [...] In the wake of Trump v. Hawaii, Trump expanded the ban to 13 countries, targeted African countries, blocked refugee and asylum seekers and banned immigrants based on health care status and their alleged harm to the U.S. economy — all under the guise of protecting our nation. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**Daily gazette (Schenectady, NY): \$60,000 worth of meth hidden in child booster seats seized by authorities in California**, Kanish, June 18, 2022, 7:15 PM

\$60,000 worth of meth was seized by US Customs and border protection officers at a checkpoint in California. Agents stopped a driver on an interstate north of the checkpoint on Wednesday. There were two adults and four children inside the vehicle, authorities said in a news release on Friday. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**WGNO-ABC (New Orleans, LA): Feds: Smugglers abandoned bodies of migrants on freeway after they died of exposure**, Julian Resendiz, June 18, 2022, 7:03 PM (EDT)

Federal officials are investigating the death of two migrants whose bodies were found on an entrance ramp to Interstate 10 near Van Horn, Texas. A passing motorist discovered the bodies on June 12 and fingerprint checks identified the two individuals as Rosenda Gomez Lopez, of Guatemala, and Edgar Vividor Rodriguez, of Mexico. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**WSB-ABC (Atlanta, GA): Meth, heroin worth nearly \$3.5M seized at Texas-Mexico crossings**, Kelli Dugan, June 18, 2022, 2:59 PM

U.S. Customs and Border Protection officers intercepted narcotics worth nearly \$3.5 million in two separate seizures at border crossings Tuesday in Laredo, Texas. According to the agency, officers examining a Ford F-350 arriving at the Juarez-Lincoln Bridge from Mexico discovered nearly 76 pounds of methamphetamine concealed within perishable goods. The estimated street value of the seizure totaled more than \$3.3 million. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

## TAX

**The Day newspaper (New London, CT): Florida woman indicted on federal tax fraud charges in Connecticut**, Unattributed, June 18, 2022, 8:49 PM

A Florida woman who did business in Norwich was arrested Thursday following indictment by a federal grand jury on 22 counts of tax fraud. Keyante Paul, 33, appeared before a U.S. magistrate judge in Orlando and was released on bond. She will be arraigned in the District of Connecticut on June 30. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**WHAS-ABC (Louisville, KY): Federal grand jury convicts Louisville attorney on tax evasion**, CJ Daniels, June 18, 2022, 7:23 PM (EDT)

A Louisville attorney has been convicted for engaging in tax evasion. According to the Department of Justice, 65-

year-old Keith Hunter was convicted by a federal grand jury on Friday following a five-day trial. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

## FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES

*Washington Times*: **US Marshals case puts spotlight on police cellphone tracking**, Stephen Dinan, Sunday, June 19, 2022, 8:35 AM

The cellphone tracking tool a federal agent allegedly used to track a former girlfriend may have been scuttled, but analysts say they fear police have even more invasive technology at their fingertips now. Adrian O. Pena, a deputy U.S. Marshal in Texas, was indicted this month by prosecutors who say he used Securus Technologies' LBS platform to track people with whom he had "personal relationships," violating the intent of the tool, which was to be used by cops engaged in official business. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

*Quad-City Times (Davenport, IA)*: **Buffalo man allegedly caught with 16 pounds of meth now faces federal trafficking charges**, Thomas Geyer, June 19, 2022, 12:35 AM (EDT)

Federal authorities have filed methamphetamine trafficking charges against a Buffalo man who was arrested May 23 after agents with the Scott County Special Operations Unit Task Force seized an alleged 16 pounds of meth hidden in his vehicle. Michael Sean Russell, 48, is charged in U.S. District Court, Davenport, with one count of possession of a controlled substance with the intent to distribute. [...] Russell was arrested by federal authorities June 14. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

*Big Rapids Pioneer (Big Rapids, MI)*: **FBI offers reward for ID of suspect Shreveport teen's death**, Unattributed, June 19, 2022 10:18 a.m.

A \$50,000 reward is available for information in the case of a Louisiana teenager killed last year. Shreveport Police found the body of 17-year-old Shamia Little on July 12, 2021, in a field near Interstate 20, five days after she was reported missing. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

*Lee Daily Register (Jonesville, VA)*: **FBI Says Fraud on LinkedIn a 'Significant Threat' to Platform and Consumers**, Benjamin Johnson, June 19, 2022, 9:23 AM

Sean Ragan, an FBI special agent had an interesting take on the current situation of cryptocurrency and the fraud on LinkedIn platform. He said fraudsters who are exploiting the LinkedIn platform to lure users into cryptocurrency investment schemes pose a "significant threat" to both the platform and its users. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

*KGUN-ABC (Tucson, AZ)*: **How the FBI responds to tips from the public**, Ryan Fish, June 19, 2022, 12:15 PM (EDT)

A terrorist threat investigation by the FBI led police in Casa Grande to arrest a 19-year-old man earlier this month. He was accused of making threats to carry out mass shootings at a high school, movie theater and police department, while praising the shooter in Uvalde, Texas. That investigation started with a tip from the public — something the FBI says is needed to keep the country safe. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

*Daily Voice (Media, PA)*: **Murder Suspect Flips Off US Marshals Agents In PA Arrest (PHOTOS)**, Cecilia Levine, June 19, 2022, 7:30 AM

The 19-year-old man had been wanted since the August 2021 killing of Samad Montgomery in Chester, and was taken into custody after a brief pursuit through Delaware County this week, the US Marshals Office said (scroll down for photos). [...] Cooper was unsuccessful as numerous vehicles of the Marshal's Fugitive Task Force stopped him at the intersection of Manchester and Wallingford Avenue, the US Marshals Office said. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

*KWTX-CBS (Waco, TX)*: **Multiple Central Texas suspects indicted in methamphetamine distribution in federal court**, Angela Bonilla, June 18, 2022, 10:40 PM (EDT)

A multi-agency investigation into a methamphetamine distribution ring has led to multiple defendants being indicted and arrested. A federal grand jury in Waco on June 14 handed down five indictments charging a total of 27 defendants. [...] The FBI; DEA; Waco Police Department; McLennan County Sheriff's Office; Bell County Sheriff's Office; and DPS are investigating the case. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

*WEWS-ABC (Cleveland, OH): High School students get a glimpse inside the Cleveland FBI*, Tracy Carloss, June 18, 2022, 10:08 PM

Dozens of local high school students got an inside look at the FBI and what it's like to be an FBI Agent. The Cleveland Field Office hosted the Future Agents in Training Program giving teenagers four days of classes and activities simulating the work of real agents. The program includes a glimpse into cybercrime, SWAT, terrorism prevention and more. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

*WDRB is a television station in Louisville, KY): Louisville youth anti-violence program participating in FBI training sessions*, Unattributed, June 18, 2022, 7:57 PM

A Louisville nonprofit's program focused on providing support for children impacted by gun violence is going to Washington, D.C. Partners of Christopher 2X Game Changers' Future Healers and Future Healers Got Zoo Buddies are participating in an FBI training session on June 21. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

*WSMV-NBC (Nashville, TN): FBI official warn of sexual assault on aircrafts*, Mary Alice Royse, June 18, 2022, 7:21 PM

The FBI Memphis Office warned Tennesseans about a recent spike in sexual assault on airplanes this week. FBI officials said in each of their 56 field offices; that airport liaison agents are assigned to nearly 450 United States aviation facilities with passenger screening operations regulated by the Transportation Security Administration. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

*KFVS-CBS/The CW (Cape Girardeau, MO): FBI: High school teacher arrested for distributing porn; students call it disgusting*, Jolanie Martinez and Jordan Gartner, June 18, 2022, 6:42 PM (EDT)

Authorities are investigating a teacher in Hawaii who has been charged with distributing child pornography. KHNL/KGMB reports FBI agents arrested Alden Bunag on Wednesday at an Oahu high school, where he taught summer school. Authorities said he distributed child pornography through an app called Telegram on his phone. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

*WBTW-CBS (Florence, SC): Suspected Alabama church shooter got warning letter from ATF over missing gun inventory*, Lee Hedgepeth, June 18, 2022, 5:46 PM

The man accused of killing three people at an Alabama church on Thursday was a licensed gun dealer, who according to government records, had received a warning letter from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms in 2018 related to missing gun inventory. Robert F. Smith, 70, was charged Friday with capital murder in the shooting at St. Stephen's Church in Vestavia Hills. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

*KEYE-CBS/Telemundo (Austin, TX): Man arrested in connection to fatal CapMetro bus stabbing*, June 18, 2022, 5:21 PM (EDT)

Members of the U.S. Marshals-led Task Force arrested a man for allegedly stabbing and killing someone on a Capital Metro bus earlier this month. Joshua Anthony Trevino, 17, was arrested without incident at an apartment complex on New York Drive. The Lone Star Fugitive Task Force discovered his whereabouts through an investigation and discovered that Trevino had taken off his ankle monitor. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) See also: [KVUE-ABC \(Austin, TX\)](#)

## CRIMINAL JUSTICE/CORRECTIONS

**Fox: Virginia inmates escape from federal prison**, Lawrence Richard, June 19, 2022, 2:41 AM

Authorities are searching for four inmates who escaped from a federal prison in Virginia this weekend, officials said. Corey Branch, Tavares Lajuane Graham, Lamonte Rashawn Willis and Kareem Allen Shaw went missing from the Federal Correctional Complex Petersburg's satellite camp in Hopewell, Virginia, around 1:45 a.m. Saturday, FOX 5 of Washington D.C. reported. Hopewell is located about 20 miles from Richmond, Virginia, which is the state's capital. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [The Daily Press Inc. \(Newport News, Virginia\)](#), [Daily Voice \(Saddle Brook, NJ\)](#), [Insider, NBC](#), [The Progress-Index \(Petersburg, VA\)](#)

## US SUPREME COURT

**AP: Justices seem poised to hear elections case pressed by GOP**, Mark Sherman and Gary D. Robertson, June 19, 2022, 8:57 PM

The Supreme Court seems poised to take on a new elections case being pressed by Republicans that could increase the power of state lawmakers over races for Congress and the presidency, as well as redistricting, and cut state courts out of the equation. The issue has arisen repeatedly in cases from North Carolina and Pennsylvania, where Democratic majorities on the states' highest courts have invoked voting protections in their state constitutions to frustrate the plans of Republican-dominated legislatures. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [PBS](#)

**NYT: Republican Drive to Tilt Courts Against Climate Action Reaches a Crucial Moment**, Coral Davenport, June 19, 2022, 9:08 AM

Within days, the conservative majority on the Supreme Court is expected to hand down a decision that could severely limit the federal government's authority to reduce carbon dioxide from power plants — pollution that is dangerously heating the planet. But it's only a start. The case, West Virginia v. Environmental Protection Agency, is the product of a coordinated, multiyear strategy by Republican attorneys general, conservative legal activists and their funders, several with ties to the oil and coal industries, to use the judicial system to rewrite environmental law, weakening the executive branch's ability to tackle global warming. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**Fox: Pro-choice protesters descend on Coney Barrett's home with blood and doll props**, Emma Colton, June 19, 2022, 11:20 AM

Pro-choice protesters congregated outside Supreme Court Justice Amy Coney Barrett's Virginia home on Saturday, dressed in clothing appearing to be soaked with blood and holding baby doll toys. "Abortion on demand and without apology," signs held by members of the group Rise Up 4 Abortion Rights read on Saturday as they stood outside Barrett's home in Falls Church. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

## NATIVE AMERICAN AFFAIRS

**Tulsa World (Tulsa, OK): Power generating company drops McGirt-based challenge to property taxes**, Curtis Killman, June 19, 2022, 1:24 AM (EDT)

A Wagoner County electric power generating company has decided to not seek a judicial ruling regarding whether the county assessor there can levy and assess ad valorem tax on personal property while also within a tribal reservation. Oneta Power LLC earlier this month dropped its request for a declaratory judgment regarding the impact, if any, of the Supreme Court's 2020 McGirt decision on county ad valorem taxes for properties within one of the six newly recognized tribal reservations in the state. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**Bismarck Tribune (Bismarck, ND): 2nd tribal nation signs pact with North Dakota Highway Patrol**, Jack Dura, June 18, 2022. 4:00 PM (EDT)

The Spirit Lake Tribe has signed a law enforcement agreement with the North Dakota Highway Patrol, the second

such pact in the state. [...] Spirit Lake has always had federal Bureau of Indian Affairs and FBI law enforcement services "with at least some presence at some time," according to Tribal Court Chief Judge Joe Vetsch. Earlier this year, Spirit Lake signed cross-deputization and special law enforcement commission agreements with the Lake Region Narcotics Task Force, the state Bureau of Criminal Investigation and the sheriffs' departments of Benson, Eddy and Ramsey counties, he said. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

## MARIJUANA LEGALIZATION

*Albuquerque Journal (Albuquerque, NM): Feds to keep \$276,590 from truck seized near border*, Colleen Heild, June 19, 2022, 2:02 AM (EDT)

A whiff of marijuana spurred the U.S. Border Patrol to inspect a Ford truck with Florida plates at an immigration checkpoint outside Las Cruces in May 2020. Why it became a federal case was the \$426,590 found vacuum-sealed in one of the tires being hauled in the truck's bed. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

## ADMINISTRATION

*Reuters: U.S. mulling pausing federal gas tax as option to cut prices, energy secretary says*, Kanishka Singh and Chizu Nomiyama, June 19, 2022, 9:55 AM

U.S. Energy Secretary Jennifer Granholm said on Sunday that the administration of U.S. President Joe Biden was evaluating a pause on federal gas tax as one of the options to bring down prices. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

*Reuters: U.S. national security adviser Sullivan tests positive for COVID*. Unattributed, June 18, 2022, 9:48 PM

U.S. national security adviser Jake Sullivan tested positive for COVID-19 on Saturday, a spokesperson said, a week before he is due to accompany President Joe Biden to a meeting of the Group of Seven advanced economies. National Security Council spokesperson Adrienne Watson said Sullivan had not been in close contact with Biden, and was asymptomatic. It was his first COVID infection, she said. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

*Reuters: Biden falls after flubbing bike dismount, but uninjured*, Nandita Bose, June 18, 2022, 5:38 PM

U.S. President Joe Biden took a spill from his bike on Saturday as he stopped to greet supporters during a weekend trip to Rehoboth Beach, Delaware. He appeared to be uninjured after standing up immediately. "I'm good," Biden, 79, said after the tumble, which occurred in front of reporters. "I got my foot caught up," he said. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [ABC](#), [NYT](#)

*WSJ: Democrats Expect Joe Biden to Run in 2024. They're Less Sure If He Should.*, Joshua Jamerson and Tarini Parti, June 19, 2022 8:00 AM

Democratic insiders in Washington and key primary states expect President Biden to follow through on his intention to stand for re-election and appear to have little appetite for casting him aside, though they expressed concerns about his advanced age and persistently low poll numbers. The White House has repeatedly said that Mr. Biden, 79, the oldest president to be sworn into office, intends to run for re-election. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [Fox](#)

*Bloomberg: US Rejects China's Claims Over Taiwan Strait as Concerns Grow*, Peter Martin and Jennifer Jacobs, June 18, 2022, 10:35 PM

Biden administration officials have decided to reject a vague new assertion by China that the Taiwan Strait is not "international waters" and are increasingly concerned the stance could result in more frequent challenges at sea for the democratically-governed island, according to people familiar with the matter. Chinese officials have made such remarks repeatedly in meetings with US counterparts in recent months, Bloomberg reported last week. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**The Hill: Energy secretary: I think Biden will meet with Saudi crown prince**, Monique Beals, June 19, 2022, 12:53 PM

Secretary of Energy Jennifer Granholm said in an interview on Sunday that she thinks President Biden will meet with Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman during the president's controversial upcoming trip to Saudi Arabia. When asked during an appearance on CNN's "State of the Union" if Biden would meet the crown prince, Granholm said that she believed he would. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**The Hill: Schiff: Pence subpoena for Jan. 6 testimony a possibility**, Rachel Scully, June 19, 2022, 11:50 AM  
Rep. Adam Schiff (D-Calif.) said on Sunday that it is a possibility that the select House panel investigating Jan. 6, 2021, attack on the U.S. Capitol will subpoena former Vice President Mike Pence to testify. "We're not excluding anyone or anything at this point," Schiff, a member of the House panel, said on CNN's "State of the Union."  
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**The Hill: Raskin: Pence was a hero on Jan. 6 for resisting 'pressure campaigns' and 'coercive efforts'.**  
Olafimihan Oshin, June 19, 2022, 11:37 AM  
Rep Jamie Raskin (D-Md.) said on Sunday that former Vice President Mike Pence was a hero on Jan 6, 2021, for resisting pressure to overturn the 2020 election from former President Trump and his allies. During an appearance on NBC's "Meet the Press," moderator Chuck Todd asked Raskin, a member of the select House panel investigating Jan. 6, if he considers Pence a hero for defying Trump's orders. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**Washington Examiner: [EDITORIAL] Biden needs to do more than condemn pro-abortion violence**,  
Editorial Board, June 19, 2022, 12:00 AM  
A White House assistant press secretary finally condemned the violence of the pro-abortion group "Jane's Revenge" this week, but voters need to see President Joe Biden himself make a stronger condemnation of the group, and, more importantly, the Department of Justice needs to start arresting and prosecuting them and their allies before people are killed. In a statement posted this week, the pro-abortion group calling itself Jane's Revenge claimed responsibility for 16 separate arson and vandalism attacks on pregnancy resource centers in 10 different states. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**Washington Examiner: Biden administration looking at lifting some of Trump-era tariffs on China: Yellen**,  
Valerie Richardson, June 19, 2022, 11:45 AM  
Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen said Sunday that President Biden is considering reversing some of the Trump-era tariffs on China to combat skyrocketing inflation, saying they "serve no strategic purpose." "President Biden is reviewing tariff policy toward China," Ms. Yellen said on ABC's "This Week." "He inherited a set of tariffs from the Trump administration, many of which were put on as retaliation for China's failure to respond to abuses that weren't covered in a 301 investigation." [[Continue Reading](#)]

**Politico: Deese says Biden's Saudi trip not out of desperation**, David Cohen, June 19, 2022, 10:04 AM  
National Economic Council Director Brian Deese said it makes sense for President Joe Biden to travel to Saudi Arabia despite that nation's much-criticized human rights record. Speaking on "Fox News Sunday," Biden's economic czar said that next month's trip is all about advancing American interests. [[Continue Reading](#)]

## **NETWORK EVENING NEWS LINEUP: JUNE 18, 2022**

**ABC: World News Tonight with Whit Johnson**

**CBS: Weekend News with Errol Barnett**

**NBC: Nightly News with Jose Diaz-Balart was preempted due to US Open Golf**

- The CDC unanimously approved the Moderna and Pfizer COVID vaccinations for children from 5y/o to 6 months old and may be available next week. CDC Director, Dr. Rochelle Walensky gave the final approval stating she is aware that many parents of young children are waiting for this day. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#)]
- The three missing Americans are all service members with two of the Americans appear to be Russian captives, while the third has not been heard from since April. Russia warns these fighters are not protected under the Geneva Convention and will be treated as mercenaries. All this while Russian forces continue to attack the Donbass region with Ukraine continuing to fight back. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#)]
- Millions of travelers are on the move with nightmare experiences with thousands of canceled and delayed flights Nationwide. Bad weather has led to a ripple of canceled flights, with severe staff shortages contributing to the problem. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#)]
- Across the country residents are bracing for a dangerous heat wave with hot, dry, and windy conditions increasing the fire risks in the West. High temperatures are extending from the Canadian border down to Texas with red flag warnings in the West and tropical moisture getting into New Mexico. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#)]
- Reports of shots fired occurred late today at the Tysons Corner Mall in Virginia. The incident occurred from a fight with one man discharging a weapon. While no one was harmed by gun fire, 3 people were hurt during the chaos. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#)]
- President Biden fell off his bicycle in Rehoboth Beach, Delaware. Biden's foot got stuck on the pedal guard as he attempted to get off his bicycle while stopping to talk to reporters. The President stated he was fine, hopping in place to show his recovery. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#)]
- Reports reveal Uvalde Officers saw the gunman shooting outside the Robb Elementary school but initially thought the shots were directed at them. The officers took cover behind a police car and did not open fire because kids were in the background and feared harming children. The push for gun reform continues with a bipartisan group working together, with focus on red flags law and the "boyfriend" loophole. [[ABC](#)]
- Runaway inflation with prices rising the fastest in the last 40 years have hit Americans hard as government officials look for ways to ease the pain. The Biden Administration continues to downplay the possibility of recession with a strong labor market but if business leaders lose confidence in the economy that could make any potential slowdown worse. [[ABC](#)]
- Historic flooding from Torrential rain and excess snowmelt caused the Yellowstone River to swell to record levels shutting down the National park and damaging or destroying homes or businesses.. Gateway tourist towns fight for survival as many of the residents do not carry flood insurance and tourist cancellations occur.. [[CBS](#)]
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A massive clean-up is underway near Lawrence, Kansas after a coal train derailed in the city. No injuries were reported with at least 20 cars detached from the engine, flipping on their side. [\[CBS\]](#)

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Today, Beatle Paul McCartney celebrated his eightieth birthday today. McCartney tweeted “Thanks for all the lovely greetings and warm wishes for my birthday-Paul.” [\[CBS\]](#)

## **SUNDAY MORNING TALK SHOWS**

### ***ABC This Week with George Stephanopoulos***

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This Week started with a review of the Central Bank increasing interest rates to tame soaring inflation. The Feds may induce a mild recession to stave off an even larger one with the economic downturn possibly affecting the election as voters from both parties indicate the economy as important [\[Watch\]](#)

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Secretary of Treasury Janet Yellen discussed the possibility of a recession in the next year; inflation unacceptably high; Chairman Powell’s plans to bring inflation down while maintaining a strong labor market; reasons for inflation; whether the Administration is prepared for a possible recession; the Administration's plan to deal with inflation and help consumers with the high prices of goods and gas. [\[Watch\]](#)

### ***CBS Face the Nation with Margaret Brennan***

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CBS News congressional correspondent Scott MacFarlane reports on the most recent evidence revealed by the House committee investigating Jan. 6 about the pressure campaign put on then-Vice President Mike Pence to overturn the 2020 election results and the threat of these events on American democracy. [\[Watch\]](#)

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Rep. Zoe Lofgren, a California Democrat member of the House committee investigating the Jan. 6 insurrection, says former President Trump intended to accelerate the violence against then-Vice President Mike Pence with his tweet on Jan. 6, and Americans need to stand up against political violence. [\[Watch\]](#)

### ***NBC Meet the Press with Chuck Todd***

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Chuck Todd started the program with the evidence that had been presented at the Jan. 6 Hearing during the week about Donald Trump and Mike Pence’s responsibilities over the riots. In an exclusive interview with Meet the Press, Rep. Jamie Raskin (D-Md.), member of the January 6th Select Committee, says former President Donald Trump confessed in his response to the panel hearings and he has to be held accountable for his actions. [\[Watch-1\]](#) [\[Watch-2\]](#)[\[Watch-3\]](#)

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Former Secretary of the Treasury Larry Summers says that there are no historical precedents for today's inflation rate without triggering a recession during an exclusive interview with Meet the Press. [\[Watch\]](#)

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The panel discussed former President Trump’s latest attacks on his Vice President Mike Pence and looked

to where the January 6th Committee could be headed with their investigation and what would US Attorney General Merrick Garland do with all the evidence that has been presented. [[Watch](#)]

### **FOX News Sunday with Shannon Bream**

- Fox News Sunday reviewed the Administration's attempts to curb inflation with the largest interest rate hike in 30 years as it faces increasing pressure to curb rising prices. President Biden took aim at oil companies as the reason for high prices and is working on legislation with top democrats to fight inflation, as well as gun control measures. [[Watch](#)]
- National Economic Council Director Brian Deese discussed the majority of Americans feeling pessimistic about the economy; President Biden's top economic priority of fighting inflation and bringing down prices without giving up the economic gains that have been made; top businesses fearing a recession as Feds raise interest rates; the Administration's plans to increase the oil supply; Energy executives stating the Administration is hindering investment in the industry; and President Biden's upcoming trip to Saudi Arabia. [[Watch-1](#)][[Watch-2](#)]

### **AFTERNOON HEADLINES**

- "Fed's interest rate hikes may mark start of tough new economic climate" [[WSJ](#), [WaPo](#)]
- "Republican Drive to Tilt Courts Against Climate Action Reaches a Crucial Moment" [NYT](#)
- "Column: War in Ukraine is a battle of wills and economic pain — and the West is showing fatigue" [LAT](#)

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## US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE NEWS

**Bloomberg: Ukraine Latest: Russia Renews Push to Advance in Donbas, UK Says**, Unattributed, June 18, 2022, 3:24 AM

Russia's military is seeking to advance deeper into Ukraine's Donbas region, the UK Defence Ministry said in its latest intelligence update that also expressed skepticism about offers by Moscow-led forces to create humanitarian corridors for civilians trapped in the fighting. [...] US Attorney General Merrick Garland plans a trip next week to Europe for talks with counterparts about raising the costs on Russian President Vladimir Putin and his associates for the Kremlin's invasion of Ukraine. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**Fox: AG Merrick Garland must resign or enforce the law: Former federal prosecutor Tolman**, Unattributed, June 17, 2022 8:57 AM

Former federal prosecutor Brett Tolman said Friday on "Fox & Friends First" Attorney General Merrick Garland should resign if the Justice Department is not going to enforce laws to protect Supreme Court justices. **BRETT TOLMAN**: It is playing with fire. And the attorney general right now should either resign or enforce the law impartially. And that includes enforcing the statutes that are already in place that prevent individuals from picketing or protesting in front of a justice's home. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**The Hill: Rep. Bobby Rush asks DOJ to investigate Idaho white supremacists**, Cheyanne M. Daniels, June 17, 2022, 5:07 PM

Rep. Bobby Rush (D-Ill.) is urging the Department of Justice to investigate whether the 31 white nationalists arrested by Idaho Police for conspiracy to riot at an Idaho Pride event violated federal law. The men, identified as members of the white supremacist organization Patriot Front, have been charged with the state-level misdemeanor of conspiracy to riot and released on bond. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**Goshen News (Goshen, IN): [OPINION] GENE LYONS: Garland's dilemma grows as evidence piles up**, Gene Lyons, June 17, 2022, 5:57 PM

None of us wants to live in the kind of country where losing an election means going to prison. [...] It follows, then, that Attorney General Merrick Garland faces the toughest of choices. Politically speaking, the only thing worse than failing to indict Donald Trump for his role in the Jan. 6 assault upon the U.S. Capitol would be to charge the

SOB and fail to convict him. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**Richmond Observer (Rockingham, NC): NC's congressional Republicans call on Feds to investigate pro-life center attacks**, David Larson, June 17, 2022, 2:12 PM

After a string of attacks on pro-life pregnancy-support centers across the country, seven Republican members of North Carolina's congressional delegation signed a letter to U.S. Attorney General Merrick Garland to investigate the attacks as domestic terrorism. U.S. Reps. Ted Budd, Patrick McHenry, Greg Murphy, Madison Cawthorn, Richard Hudson, Virginia Foxx, and David Rouzer all signed the letter. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**WHEC-NBC (Rochester, NY): Congressman Joe Morelle calls for federal intervention to address gun violence across Rochester community**, Unattributed, June 17, 2022 11:43 PM

Congressman Joe Morelle called on the United States Department of Justice and Attorney General Merrick Garland on Friday to take immediate action to address the surge in gun violence in Rochester. Rep. Morelle urged collaboration across all levels of government and outlined steps the Department of Justice must take to protect families in the Rochester community. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [WHAM-ABC/The CW \(Rochester, NY\)](#)

**KNWA-NBC (Rogers, AR): DOJ announces plan for cyber harassment detection and prosecution**, Alex Kienlen, June 17, 2022, 11:05 PM (EDT)

In a June 16 speech, United States Attorney General Merrick B. Garland announced three areas of Justice Department focus for the White House Online Harassment and Abuse Task Force. Garland's announcement was one of several presentations made that Thursday, marking the task force's establishment following a presidential proclamation signed June 15. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**WXIN-Fox (Indianapolis, IN): Sen. Young, Grassley push AG on lack of charges for FBI agents in Nassar investigation**, Joe Hopkins, June 17, 2022, 10:41 AM

Senators Todd Young (IN) and Charles Grassley (Iowa) issued a letter to U.S. Attorney General Merrick Garland pushing the Department of Justice to explain its justification for opting not to charge two former FBI officials who failed to properly respond to information about the abuse of young gymnasts. The former FBI agents failed to quickly open an investigation of sports doctor Larry Nassar despite learning in 2015 that he was accused of sexually assaulting female gymnasts. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

## NATIONAL SECURITY

**AP: Russian superyacht Amadea arrives in Honolulu from Fiji**, Audrey McVoy, June 18, 2022, 12:26 AM

A Russian-owned superyacht seized by the United States arrived in Honolulu Harbor on Thursday flying an American flag. The U.S. last week won a legal battle in Fiji to take the \$325 million vessel and immediately sailed it to Hawaii. The FBI has linked the Amadea to the Russian oligarch Suleiman Kerimov. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**Reuters: Cowboys for Trump founder sentenced to 14 days for breaching Capitol grounds**, Sarah N. Lynch, June 17, 2022, 5:23 PM

A Republican member of a governing commission in New Mexico who founded a group called "Cowboys for Trump" was sentenced in federal court on Friday to 14 days in jail over his role in breaching the U.S. Capitol grounds during the Jan. 6, 2021, riot. But the man, Couy Griffin, will get credit for the 20 days he already served in pretrial detention, and will not be required to report to prison, the judge said. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [AP](#), [CNN](#), [HuffPost](#), [Insider \(New York City, NY\)](#), [LAT](#), [NBC](#), [PBS](#), [Politico](#), [WaPo](#)

*The Hill*: **Trump says he would look ‘very, very seriously’ at pardons for Jan 6 defendants if reelected**, Caroline Vakil, June 17, 2022, 4:40 PM

Former President Trump said on Friday that he would look “very, very seriously” at pardoning those charged in connection with storming the Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021, if he ran for and became president again. Speaking during a Faith and Freedom event in Nashville, Tenn., Trump said the defendants charged in the Capitol riot were “having their lives totally destroyed and being treated worse than terrorists and murderers,” claiming that most had been “charged with parading through the Capitol.” [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

*The Hill*: **DOJ seizes proxy service as US, partners hit Russian hackers**, Ines Kagubare, June 17, 2022, 1:36 PM

The Department of Justice (DOJ) announced it has dismantled a Russian network of hacked internet-connected devices in a coordinated effort with foreign counterparts to crack down on malicious cyber activities. The DOJ said Thursday it worked with law enforcement agencies in Germany, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom to take down the Russian botnet, known as RSOCKS. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

*The Hill*: **Doctor who pushed hydroxychloroquine gets 60-day prison sentence for storming Capitol on Jan. 6**, Chloe Folmar, June 17, 2022, 8:33 AM

A doctor who gained public attention after promoting the unproven drug hydroxychloroquine as a cure for COVID-19 in a 2020 video retweeted by former President Trump was sentenced Thursday to two months in prison for her involvement in the Jan. 6, 2021, attack on the U.S. Capitol. Simone Gold, the founder of anti-COVID-19 restriction group America’s Frontline Doctors, pleaded guilty in March to entering and remaining in a restricted building or grounds when she stormed the Capitol last year. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

*New Jersey Advance Media*: **Jan. 6 rioter from N.J. to serve 2 weeks in jail, 3 years’ probation for ‘parading’ inside U.S. Capitol**, Anthony G. Attrino, June 18, 2022, 8:45 AM

A Camden County man who told investigators he wore a Proud Boys hoodie when he illegally entered the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021, was sentenced on Friday to two weeks in jail, according to federal authorities. Lawrence Earl Stackhouse III, 33, of Blackwood, pleaded guilty Feb. 4 in federal court to one count of parading, demonstrating or picketing inside the Capitol building. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

*Insider (New York City, NY)*: **January 6: Man who brought loaded gun to the US Capitol riot pleads guilty to assaulting police officers with baton**, Erin Snodgrass, June 17, 2022, 7:03 PM

An Indiana man who brought a loaded gun to the January 6, 2021 US Capitol riot — and then subsequently lost the revolver amid the chaos of the insurrection — pleaded guilty this week to carrying a weapon without a license and using a police baton to assault officers during the attack. Mark Andrew Mazza, 57, originally faced 13 charges stemming from his role in the siege but on Friday agreed to plead guilty to two counts, including assaulting, resisting, or impeding officers with a dangerous weapon, and carrying a pistol without a license. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

*Idaho Press (Nampa, ID)*: **Boise woman charged in connection with U.S Capitol riot pleads not guilty....**, Betsy, June 17, 2022, 3:56 PM (EDT)

Yvonne St Cyr, 53, pleaded not guilty on Thursday afternoon in U.S District Court for her alleged crimes during the Jan. 6 riot at the U.S. Capitol in Washington D.C., writes reporter Alexandra Duggan of Idaho Press news partner KTVB. St Cyr is charged with knowingly entering or remaining in any restricted building or grounds without lawful authority and violent entry and disorderly conduct on Capitol grounds. She appeared in court by video. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

*Philadelphia Inquirer (Philadelphia, PA)*: **Aspiring Camden County Proud Boy sentenced to two weeks behind bars for role in Capitol riot**, Jeremy Roebuck, June 17, 2022, 7:21 AM

A once-aspiring Proud Boy from Camden County was sentenced Friday to two weeks’ incarceration for his role in

the Jan. 6, 2021, Capitol riot. Lawrence Earl Stackhouse III, 33, of Blackwood, had texted a friend the week before the insurrection asking for an application to join the group. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**WCNC-NBC (Charlotte, NC): 'I just kept pushing my way forward' | Newly-released FBI interview details North Carolina capitol rioter's involvement in attack**, Sarah Beckman, June 17, 2022, 9:07 PM

FBI agents asked about a North Carolina college student's contacts from and involvement in the deadly Jan. 6 attack on the capitol during an interview almost a year ago, according to newly-released audio. Anthony Scirica, 26, traveled with his parents from Winston-Salem to Arlington, Virginia the night before the 'Stop the Steal' rally was scheduled to take place on Jan. 6, 2021, according to his interview with the FBI in July 2021. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**KARE-NBC (Minneapolis, MN): 9th Minnesotan charged in connection with Jan. 6 Capitol insurrection**, Samantha Fischer, June 17, 2022, 8:52 PM (EDT)

Another Minnesotan is facing charges in connection with the Jan. 6 insurrection at the U.S. Capitol, according to the Department of Justice. DOJ officials say Frank Joseph Bratjan Jr., a postal worker from Eagan, is charged with four federal criminal counts, including entering and remaining in a restricted building; disorderly conduct in a restricted building or grounds; disorderly conduct in a Capitol building; and parading, demonstrating or picketing in a Capitol building. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**KSAZ-Fox (Phoenix, AZ): Pensacola man found guilty of charges relates for Capital riots**, Unattributed, June 17, 2022, 8:36 PM

A Florida man has been found guilty of four misdemeanor charges for his actions during the Jan. 6, 2021, Capitol breach, the Department of Justice announced Friday. In a bench trial, Pensacola resident Jesus Rivera, 38, was found guilty Friday of entering and remaining in a restricted building or grounds; disorderly and disruptive conduct in a restricted building or grounds; disorderly conduct in a Capitol Building; and parading, demonstrating, or picketing in a Capitol Building. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**WRTV-ABC (Indianapolis, IN): Shelbyville man accepts deal, pleads guilty to some charges from January 6 Capitol riot**, Jazlyn Gomez, June 17, 2022, 7:35 PM

A Shelbyville man who was facing multiple federal charges in connection to the January 6 riot has accepted a deal and pleaded guilty on Friday to some of those charges. Mazza was initially charged with two other charges, one of them being illegal possession of a firearm on Capitol grounds. Mark Mazza, 56, pleaded guilty to assaulting, resisting, or impeding certain officers using a deadly or dangerous weapon and carrying a pistol without a license. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

## **JAN. 6 COMMITTEE**

**AP: Jan. 6 hearings: What we've learned, and what's next**, Mary Clare Jalonick, June 17, 2022, 7:52 PM (EDT)

In its first three hearings, the House panel investigating the Capitol insurrection has laid out the beginnings of its case against former President Donald Trump — that his lies about the 2020 election, and his pressure on his vice president to overturn it, directly led to the violence on Jan. 6, 2021. The committee's June hearings — at least two more are scheduled — come after a yearlong probe and more than 1,000 interviews. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**AP: Trump lashes out at Jan. 6 committee as he teases 2024 run**, Jill Colvin, June 17, 2022, 11:17 PM

Making his first public appearance since the House committee investigating the Jan. 6 insurrection began its hearings laying bare his desperate attempts to subvert democracy and remain in power, former President Donald Trump on Friday lashed out at the committee as he continued to tease his plans for a third presidential run. Speaking to religious conservatives at a sprawling resort near the Grand Ole Opry House in Nashville, Trump blasted the committee's efforts as a "theatrical production of partisan political fiction" and insisted he had done nothing wrong. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**Reuters: Trump criticizes Pence's actions on Jan. 6, 2021, says he lacked 'courage'**, David Morgan and Doina Chiacu, June 17, 2022, 4:21 PM

The day after the latest U.S. congressional hearings on the Jan. 6, 2021, assault on the Capitol by Donald Trump's supporters, the former president criticized Mike Pence's actions that day, saying that his vice president had lacked courage. The hearings have detailed the ways in which Trump urged his supporters to turn on Pence for refusing his requests to reject the November 2020 election results, before they stormed the Capitol, fighting with police as some chanted "hang Mike Pence!" [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [The Hill](#)

**Reuters: Ex-Trump adviser Navarro pleads not guilty to contempt of Congress charges**, Sarah N. Lynch, June 17, 2022, 12:36 PM

Former Republican President Donald Trump's adviser Peter Navarro pleaded not guilty on Friday to two misdemeanor counts of contempt of Congress, after he refused to provide testimony or documents to the U.S. House of Representatives Committee investigating the January 2021 attack at the Capitol. Navarro, who appeared in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia for his arraignment on Friday, wrote a book after he left the White House in which he talked about a plan to delay Congress from certifying President Joe Biden's victory known as "Green Bay Sweep," according to the indictment. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [AP](#), [Axios](#), [Washington Examiner](#), [WaPo](#)

**NYT: Amid Jan. 6 Revelations, Election Lies Still Dominate the G.O.P.**, Jonathan Weisman, June 17 2022, 8:13 PM

It was all a lie, the tales of stuffed ballot drop boxes, rigged voting machines, and constitutional "flexibility" that would have allowed Vice President Mike Pence to nullify the 2020 election results and send them back to Republican state legislatures. The first three hearings of the House Jan. 6 committee have deeply undercut, if not demolished, the postelection myths repeated incessantly by former President Donald J. Trump and his supporters and embraced and amplified by Republicans in Congress. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**NYT: The Biggest Surprises of the Jan. 6 Hearings So Far**, Blake Hounshell, June 17, 2022, 7:10 PM

After interviewing more than 1,000 witnesses and assembling a trove of well over 140,000 documents, the House committee investigating the Capitol attack on Jan. 6, 2021, is finally unveiling its findings to the public. So far, the panel has held three televised hearings: a tightly curated prime-time session previewing its overall conclusions and two sprawling daytime sessions digging more deeply into the inquiry's findings and their implications for American democracy. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**NYT: A Day After a Portrait of Pence in Danger, Trump Attacks Him Again**, Maggie Haberman, June 17, 2022, 7:06 PM

A day after the House committee investigating the Jan. 6 assault illustrated the serious danger that rioters posed to Mike Pence, former President Donald J. Trump unleashed a new attack on the man who had served him as vice president, criticizing him for refusing to interfere with the Electoral College certification of the 2020 presidential contest. Speaking on Friday afternoon before a faith-based group, Mr. Trump said that "Mike did not have the courage to act" in trying to unilaterally reject the Electoral College votes that were being cast for Joseph R. Biden Jr. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**NYT: Jan. 6 Panel Could Start Sharing Transcripts With Justice Dept. as Soon as July**, Glenn Thrush and

Luke Broadwater, June 17, 2022, 1:59 PM

The House committee investigating the Jan. 6 attack could start sharing some transcripts of witness interviews with federal prosecutors as early as next month as Justice Department officials ratchet up public pressure on the panel to turn over the documents. Negotiations between Justice Department officials and Timothy J. Heaphy, the lead investigator for the House panel and a former federal prosecutor, have intensified in recent days, as the two sides wrangle over the timing and content of the material to be turned over, according to several people familiar with the talks but not authorized to publicly discuss the matter. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [CNN](#), [The Hill](#), [NBC](#)

*NPR, Up First:* **[AUDIO] Trump Lawbreaking Claims, Fighting In Ukraine's Southeast, Yellowstone Flooding**, June 18, 2022:29 AM

Over the course of its hearings this month, the House select committee on January 6th has expanded their argument that former President Trump not only broke norms, but broke the law. (0:52) And, fighting in Ukraine continues in the eastern part of the country, but also in the southeast. (4:52) Also Yellowstone National Park remains closed after unprecedented flooding, with peak visitor season just getting started. (8:52) [[Listen](#)]

*Daily Caller:* **'What We Need Are Facts': CNN Legal Analysts Throw Cold Water On Charging Trump For Jan. 6**, Harold Hutchison, June 17, 2022, 3:13 PM

Two lawyers told CNN "New Day" hosts Brianna Keilar and John Berman Friday morning that securing charges against former President Donald Trump could be difficult. Daniel Goldman, a former House impeachment counsel, and Jeffrey Toobin, a CNN legal analyst, explained that prosecutors would need to gather facts about Trump's actions and comments in order to determine what charges to file. [...] The Jan. 6 select committee held three hearings since June 9, which have been criticized as "illegitimate" by Republicans. After the second hearing Monday, Democrats and liberal media outlets hyped the potential for fraud charges against former President Trump. [[Continue Reading](#)]

*The Hill:* **[OPINION] The Jan. 6 committee must spotlight Trump's acts of insurrection**, Bruce Fein, June 17, 2022, 2:00 PM

The House committee investigating the Jan. 6 insurrection should focus on disqualifying former President Donald Trump from office under Section 3 of the 14th Amendment. Disqualification is triggered by engaging in "insurrection against the authority of the United States." [[Continue Reading](#)]

*Law360:* **Ex-Trump Aide Navarro Can't Delay Trial Due To His Book Tour**, Khorri Atkinson, June 17, 2022, 1:52 PM

A D.C. federal judge on Friday scheduled a November trial date for former Trump White House trade adviser Peter Navarro's contempt of Congress criminal case and rejected his defense team's request... [[Continue Reading](#)]

*The Hill:* **[OPINION] House Select Committee is giving Jan. 6 the '60 Minutes' treatment**, Joe Ferullo, June 17, 2022, 11:00 AM

Turns out the best way to conduct a congressional hearing is to treat it like a story on "60 Minutes." The House Jan. 6 Select Committee is in the middle of rewriting an old political script, dispensing with some well-worn rituals that seem frozen in time. [[Continue Reading](#)]

*Roll Call:* **Jan. 6 committee's criminal referral spat was avoidable — and unnecessary**, John T. Bennett, June 17, 2022, 7:00 AM

Evidence. The word was uttered 41 times Monday during the Jan. 6 select committee's second much-anticipated June hearing and over and over by its members during a weeklong cable TV blitz. But we have not heard that much direct evidence. Put a different way: The panel of seven Democrats and two politically excommunicated Republicans have yet to turn the hours of video footage from police officers' body cameras, Capitol security

cameras and rioters' own self-incriminating social media posts into dots that actually connect. [[Continue Reading](#)]

*Eagle-Tribune (North Andover, MA):* **[EDITORIAL] Commentary: Jan. 6 committee is just getting started**, Editorial Board, June 18, 2022, 4:48 AM

Like prosecutors priming a jury, the House Select Committee made a powerful case to the nation Thursday night and Monday that Donald Trump ginned up the insurrection of Jan. 6, 2021. He meant it to consummate a coup that he had been plotting even before the presidential election that he legitimately lost. [[Continue Reading](#)]

*Indiana Gazette (Indiana, PA):* **CAL THOMAS: Jailing Trump would worsen country;s turmoil**, Cal Thomas, June 18, 2022, 1:32 AM

If the House Jan. 6 committee proceeds to its seemingly predetermined conclusion that Donald Trump incited the Capitol riot and tried to reverse the results of the 2020 election, and if they recommend to the Department of Justice that Trump committed criminal acts and should be prosecuted, President Biden will face a serious choice. Biden, who promised to unite the country, but who most Republicans believe contributed to its division, could either allow the prosecution of the former president to proceed, or travel the high road taken by President Gerald Ford when he pardoned Richard Nixon for acts associated with the Watergate scandal. [[Continue Reading](#)]

## CRIMINAL LAW

*AP: Jury convicts Seattle woman in massive Capital One hack*, Gene Johnson, June 17, 2022, 10:07 PM  
A federal jury on Friday convicted a former Seattle tech worker of several charges related to a massive hack of Capital One bank and other companies in 2019. Paige Thompson, 36, a former Amazon software engineer who used the online handle “erratic,” obtained the personal information of more than 100 million people — a data breach that prompted Capital One to reach a tentative \$190 million settlement with affected customers. The Treasury Department also fined the company \$80 million for failing to protect the data. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Detroit News \(Detroit, MI\)](#), [KING-NBC \(Seattle, WA\)](#)

*AP: Students sue for review, changes after Oxford High shooting*, Corey Williams, June 17, 2022, 9:11 PM  
About 20 students at a Michigan high school where four students were killed in a mass shooting say their constitutional rights to safety and education have been violated and that they want changes to ensure security at school, a law firm representing them said Friday. The federal lawsuit filed Friday names the Oxford Community School District, its former superintendent and other officials. It seeks an independent review and policy changes, including increased transparency and communication from the district. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [WJBK-Fox \(Detroit, MI\)](#), [WXYZ-ABC \(Detroit, MI\)](#)

*AP: California pair charged with smuggling drugs to 5 states*, DonThompson, June 17, 2022, 7:09 PM  
A Northern California pair not only smuggled drugs to five other states but repeatedly impersonated federal law enforcement officers as part of the nationwide scheme, a U.S. grand jury alleged this week. A federal grand jury in Sacramento on Thursday indicted Quinten Giovanni Moody, also known as Christano Rossi, 37, and Myra Boleche Minks, 46, on charges of drug trafficking, impersonating federal law enforcement officials, mail fraud, aggravated identity theft, and obstruction of justice. [[Continue Reading](#)]

*AP: 2 Mississippi businessmen indicted in pandemic fraud case*, Emily Wagster Pettus, June 17, 2022, 5:57 PM (EDT)  
Two Mississippi businessmen, including one who served on the governor's economic recovery advisory commission, have been indicted on charges connected to the fraudulent receipt of more than \$2 million in

pandemic relief money, prosecutors said Friday. A federal grand jury in Oxford issued indictments Wednesday of Columbus residents Jabari Ogbanna Edwards, 49, and Antwann Richardson, 37. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**AP: Man gets more than 3 years in prison for \$13M COVID-19 fraud**, Unattributed, June 17, 2022, 3:48 PM (EDT)

A Massachusetts businessman convicted of fraudulently seeking more than \$13 million in federal coronavirus pandemic relief loans has been sentenced to more than three years in prison. Elijah Majak Buoi, 40, of Winchester, was also sentenced to three years of supervised release and ordered to pay restitution of \$2 million and forfeiture of \$2 million by a Boston federal court judge Thursday. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Law360](#)

**AP: Man avoids prison time in extortion case involving ex-mayor**, Unattributed, June 17, 2022, 12:59 PM

A man who pleaded guilty to conspiring with a former Massachusetts mayor to extort a marijuana vendor has been sentenced to three years of probation. David Hebert was sentenced this week in the case involving former Fall River Mayor Jasiel Correia, who is serving six-year prison sentence after being convicted of defrauding investors in a smartphone app and extorting money from marijuana companies. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**NYT: A man who threatened Colorado's secretary of state on Instagram faces two years in prison.**, Neil Vigdor, June 17, 2022, 4:38 PM

A Nebraska man pleaded guilty on Thursday to threatening Colorado's secretary of state on Instagram last year, the first conviction resulting from the work of a Justice Department task force focused on combating the intimidation of election officials. Federal prosecutors said Travis Ford, 42, of Lincoln, Neb., would face up to two years in prison for the social media posts. [[Continue Reading](#)] See also: [The Hill](#)

**Fall River Reporter (Fall River, MA): Massachusetts man sentenced to prison for role in violent southeastern Massachusetts drug ring**, Ken Paiva, June 18, 2022, 10:52 AM

A Massachusetts man was sentenced on Wednesday in federal court in Boston for his role in a drug trafficking conspiracy that spanned across the District. Tony Goncalves, 24, of Brockton, was sentenced by U.S. District Court Judge Nathaniel M. Gorton to 30 months in prison and three years of supervised release. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**Post and Courier (Charleston, SC): US Attorney Corey Ellis says 'blood in the streets' justifies federal gun crackdown**, Steve Garrison and Kailey Cota, June 18, 10:46 AM (EDT)

The U.S. Attorney for South Carolina met this week with Lowcountry law enforcement officials to discuss ways to tamp down on growing gun violence. U.S. Attorney Corey Ellis told local officials in the June 14 meeting his office has loosened its guidelines for charging felons with gun offenses, allowing local authorities to file more cases in the federal system where criminals face stiffer penalties. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**Rockford Register Star (Rockford, IL): Illinois man sentenced to federal prison for scamming Mercyhealth out of \$3M**, Jim Hagerty, June 18, 2022, 6:23 AM (EDT)

The owner of an Illinois marketing firm was sentenced Friday to 366 days in federal prison for his role in a scheme that defrauded Mercyhealth out of more than \$3 million. During a court hearing in Madison, Wisconsin, Ryan Weckerly, 48, of Sycamore, was also ordered to serve six months of home confinement after he's released from prison. He pleaded guilty last year to wire fraud and aiding in the preparation of a false tax return. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Shaw Media \(Crystal Lake, IL\)](#) , [WREX-NBC/CW+ \(Rockford, IL\)](#)

**Detroit News (Detroit, MI): Nurse pleads guilty in COVID-19 vaccination card fraud in Metro Detroit**, Mark Hicks, June 17, 2022, 9:14 PM

A registered nurse in Metro Detroit has pleaded guilty in connection with selling COVID-19 vaccination cards, the U.S. Attorney's Office announced Friday. Bethann Kierczak, 37, of Southgate, entered the plea Thursday before U.S. District Court Judge David Lawson, records show. [[Continue Reading](#)]

*Rutland Herald (Rutland, VT):* **Rutland man gets 38 months for robberies**, Mike Donoghue, June 17, 2022, 8:52 PM

A Center Rutland man, who admitted he was part of at least four armed robberies in Rutland and Addison Counties last summer, was sentenced in U.S. District Court to 38 months in federal prison on Friday. Joey Miles Sherwood, 31, had pleaded guilty to a felony knifepoint robbery charge at the Cumberland Farms Store on North Main Street in Wallingford on Aug. 1, 2021, but also acknowledged he committed two other knifepoint holdups and one attempted robbery. [[Continue Reading](#)]

*Montana Standard (Butte, MT):* **Whitehall man sentenced for possessing child pornography**, Tracy Thornton, June 17, 7:34 PM (EDT)

A Whitehall man who admitted to downloading child pornography was sentenced Thursday to seven years and two months in prison, to be followed by 10 years of supervised release. Tyler D. Pinnt, 35, pleaded guilty in February to an information charging him with receipt of child pornography. [[Continue Reading](#)]

*The Dallas Morning News (Dallas, TX):* **Dallas man to spend more than 30 years in federal prison for sex trafficking**, Catherine Marfin, June 17, 2022, 7:16 PM (EDT)

A Dallas man will spend more than 30 years in federal prison after being convicted of two sex trafficking charges. Anthony Lenell Acy, 35, was sentenced Friday to 365 months in federal prison. A jury found him guilty of one count of child sex trafficking and one count of sex trafficking by force, fraud and coercion on Aug. 5. [[Continue Reading](#)]

*Baltimore Sun (Baltimore, MD):* **Federal judge allows Baltimore State's Attorney Mosby to continue renewed push to have her indictment dismissed**, Alex Mann, June 17, 2022, 4:36 PM

A federal judge has allowed Baltimore State's Attorney Marilyn Mosby's renewed push to have some of her charges dismissed to go forward, paving the way for another round of legal papers and, eventually, arguments in court. U.S. District Judge Lydia Griggsby on Thursday issued an order granting Mosby the ability to go forward with a new argument for why two of the four charges brought against her should be dismissed. [[Continue Reading](#)]

*Brownsville Herald (Brownsville, TX):* **Jury finds Brownsville man guilty of smuggling meth**, Laura B. Martinez, June 17, 2022, 3:23 PM (EDT)

A federal jury has found a Brownsville man guilty of smuggling more than 150 pounds of methamphetamine from Mexico to the United States. Felix Lerma's bond was revoked, and he was remanded to the custody of U.S. Marshals after a three-day trial that ended Thursday. [[Continue Reading](#)]

*Reading Eagle (Reading, PA):* **Berks man sentenced to 14 years in prison on drug, weapon charges**, David Mowery, June 17, 2022, 12:31 PM

A Berks County man has been sentenced in U.S. District Court to 14 years in prison after pleading guilty to drug and weapon charges. George S. Rugel, 46, of Exeter Township also was sentenced Thursday by District Court Judge Joseph F. Leeson Jr. in Philadelphia to five years of supervised release. [[Continue Reading](#)]

*Fall River Reporter (Bristol County, MA):* **Massachusetts woman sentenced to time served in federal court after stealing opioids from veterinary office**, Ken Paiva, June 17, 2022, 10:32 AM

A Massachusetts woman was sentenced Wednesday in federal court in Boston in connection with stealing hydrocodone, an opioid and Schedule II controlled substance, from the veterinary office where she worked. Melissa Paradise, 43, of West Barnstable, was sentenced by U.S. District Court Judge Richard G. Stearns to time served (approximately one day in prison) and one year of supervised release. [[Continue Reading](#)]

*The Herald Democrat (Sherman, TX):* **U.S. Attorney's Office joins Texoma senior citizens to combat elder financial abuse**, Unattributed, June 17, 2022, 10:16 AM

The U.S. Attorney's Office is promoting World Elder Abuse Awareness in conjunction with the Department of Justice's Elder Justice Initiative to help seniors in the Eastern District of Texas avoid falling victim to financial exploitation, announced U.S. Attorney Brit Featherston today.

The U.S. Attorney's Office is participating in events through the summer to provide educational programming to seniors such as a presentation provided to residents of the Pecan Place Senior Apartments in Bonham.

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*Jackson Sun (Jackson, TN):* **Former West Tennessee health care director sentenced to federal prison for fraud**, Kerri Bartlett, June 17, 2022, 9:27 AM (EDT)

Melanie Haste, 62, has been sentenced to 18 months in federal prison for wire fraud that occurred while she worked at Jackson-Madison County Hospital as Director of Risk Management at West Tennessee Healthcare.

Joseph C. Murphy Jr., U.S. Attorney, announced the sentence on Thursday. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

*WVEC-ABC (Hampton, VA):* **Newport News police officer arrested on child sexual exploitation charges appears in federal court**, Sarah Hammond, June 17, 2022, 11:14 PM (EDT)

A Newport News police officer charged with three counts of sexual exploitation of children appeared in federal court on Friday. Sgt. Michael Covey was arrested by the FBI on June 10 for alleged crimes against children. He was taken into custody at the Newport News Police Department headquarters. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

*WNCN-CBS (Goldsboro, NC):* **Rocky Mount man sentenced to 7+ years for robbing ABC store, DOJ says**, Kathryn Hubbard, June 17, 2022, 11:27 PM (EDT)

A Rocky Mount man was sentenced to more than seven years in prison for robbing a liquor store, federal officials said. Jesse Lamont Jenkins, 30, pleaded guilty to one count of robbery in December. In Aug. 2019, Jenkins and Eric Montrell Mobley entered the store located on Westwood Drive in Rocky Mount. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

*WPXI-NBC (Pittsburgh, PA):* **Pittsburgh man pleads guilty to shooting a federal agent and trafficking cocaine**, Unattributed, June 17, 2022, 9:53 PM (EDT)

A Pittsburgh resident pleaded guilty to shooting a federal agent and trafficking cocaine.

46-year-old Dion Williams made the plea deal while in court today. Williams' arrest was the result of a federal investigation into drug trafficking activity in Pittsburgh's Hill District neighborhood. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

*KXMB-TV -CW/CBS (Bismarck, ND):* **Fargo man given 27 years in federal prison for child pornography**, Morgan DeVries, June 17, 8:42 PM (EDT)

A 42-year-old man was sentenced to 27 years in federal prison for receipt and distribution of materials containing child pornography and possession of materials containing child pornography. Jeffrey Lee Buckmeier was also given a lifetime of supervised release and ordered to pay \$84,000 in restitution to the victims depicted in his pornography collection. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

*KIFI-ABC (Idaho Falls, ID):* **Caldwell man pleads guilty to distribution of methamphetamine**, Unattributed, June 17, 2022, 7:03 PM

A Caldwell man pleaded guilty to distribution of methamphetamine. According to court records, Jorge Armando Cervantes, 30, sold another person methamphetamine on two different occasions. On April 14, 2021, he sold approximately 29 grams of methamphetamine and on April 21, 2021, he sold approximately 54 grams of methamphetamine. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

*WANE-CBS (Fort Wayne, IN):* **Feds: Fort Wayne man sentenced to 19 years for meth in home**, Jeff Wiehe, June 17, 2022, 6:22 PM

A 60-year-old Fort Wayne man received a 19-year prison sentence on Thursday for possessing with the intent to

distribute methamphetamine and carrying a firearm during a drug trafficking crime, according to federal prosecutors. Michael Teems was stopped by law enforcement and arrested based on an outstanding warrant in Ohio in January of 2020, according to a media release from U.S. District Court prosecutors. From his home in Fort Wayne, various drugs were seized including methamphetamine, marijuana and fentanyl pills, along with ammunition, a scale and body armor, federal prosecutors said. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**KSNV-NBC (Las Vegas, NV): Man gets 10 years in prison for multiple bank robberies around Las Vegas valley**, Unattributed, June 17, 2022, 5:38 PM (EDT)

A California man was sentenced Friday to 10 years in prison for multiple bank robberies around the Las Vegas valley over the last two years, including while he was on pretrial release. The U.S. Attorney's office for Nevada said Spar Bilicki, 30, pleaded guilty to 10 counts related to a series of robberies in Las Vegas and Henderson from October 2020 to July 2021. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**WFLD-Fox (Chicago, IL): Chicago man charged with trafficking guns, including 'ghost gun' and machine gun**, Unattributed, June 17, 2022, 4:32 PM (EDT)

Anthony Perez-Flores, 27, was arrested Thursday. He's charged with dealing firearms without a license and illegally possessing guns as a convicted felon. According to a criminal complaint, Perez-Flores — on 10 separate occasions — sold 13 guns in Chicago this year. All the sales allegedly happened in an alley in the Dunning neighborhood. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**WPLG-ABC (Miami, FL): Florida man gets 29 years for attempting to entice minor**, Chris Gothner, June 17, 2022, 10:33 AM

A federal judge in Fort Pierce sentenced an Orlando man to nearly three decades in prison for attempting to sexually entice a 15-year-old Martin County girl, according to a U.S. Department of Justice news release. The DOJ said Joseph Furey Lusk, 47, contacted the girl less than a month after being released from state custody from 2018 Florida conviction for traveling to meet a minor. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [WTFX-Fox \(Philadelphia, PA\)](#)

## CIVIL RIGHTS

**Reuters: New York state leaves disabled to 'languish' in institutions, new lawsuit claims**, Brendan Pierson, June 17, 2022, 12:58 PM

New York state is facing a proposed class action accusing it of allowing people with developmental disabilities who qualify for community-based services through Medicaid to remain in restricted institutional settings. The lawsuit, filed Thursday in Manhattan federal court by the legal non-profit Disability Rights New York (DRNY), Kasowitz Benson Torres and Mental Hygiene Legal Services for the First and Third Judicial Departments, accuses the state Department of Health (DOH) and its Office for People with Developmental Disability (OPWDD) of shirking their legal obligation to arrange for community-based services when possible. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**AP: Former clerk gets probation for using pepper spray on woman**, Unattributed, June 17, 2022, 3:55 PM

A former Mississippi chancery clerk has been fined \$5,000 and put on two years' probation for depriving a woman of civil rights by using pepper spray on her after she left court during a child custody hearing. Federal officials on Friday announced the sentence of Tommy Joe Harvey, 74, who stepped down as Simpson County chancery clerk at the end of May. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**Law360: EEOC Weekly Recap: \$1.6M Settlement, Rap Music Suit**, Rachel Stone, June 17, 2022, 7:29 PM (EDT)

The U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission reached a \$1.6 million settlement agreement with a McDonald's franchisee and asked the Ninth Circuit to give workers another shot at their suit claiming rap...

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**Daily Beast: Feds Charge Florida Duo With Hate Crimes for Vile Axe Attack**, Emily Hernandez, June 17, 2022, 1:41 PM

Two Florida men have been charged with federal hate crimes after allegedly violently attacking a Black man in November 2017. In an indictment, Roy Lashley, 55, and Robert Lashley, 52, are accused of yelling racial slurs at the victim, identified only as D.B., while also hitting him with their fists and an axe handle. The pair, egging each other on, willfully injured D.B., a Black man, because of his “actual and perceived race,” the indictment says.

[\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [WPLG-ABC \(Miami, FL\)](#), [WPLG-ABC \(Miami, FL\)](#)

**Daily Beast: Idaho Deputy Minutes After Fatal Shooting: ‘Guess I’m Gonna Lose My Gun Again’**, Alan Halaly, June 17, 2022, 12:35 PM

Moments after fatally shooting Michael Trappett, who was in a mental health crisis, Idaho deputy Brittany Brokop was concerned about losing her gun, according to newly released video obtained by NBC News. [...] The victim’s brother, Bill Trappett, has filed a federal lawsuit against Brokop for use of excessive force, an allegation the sheriff’s department deemed “false.” “Trappett... would not follow the commands of the Deputies to drop the knife that was in his hand. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**Town Talk (Alexandria, LA): Federal lawsuit over death of Avoyelles man who died after police struggle dismissed**, Melissa Gregory, June 17, 2022, 5:25 PM

A federal lawsuit alleging excessive force filed by the brothers of an Avoyelles Parish man who died in 2017 after a struggle with police — a death ruled a homicide by a pathologist — has been dismissed. Armando Frank, 42, died on Oct. 20, 2017, after officers with the Marksville Police Department and Avoyelles Parish Sheriff's Office took him into custody on a felony warrant. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**Star-News (Wilmington, NC): Cape Fear Academy sexual harassment lawsuit: Judge upholds Title IX claims**, Sydney Hoover, June 17, 2022, 4:55 PM

A judge has denied Cape Fear Academy’s motion to dismiss a lawsuit after it attempted to argue it is not subject to federal Title IX protections that forbid discrimination based on sex in education. The private K-12 school is facing a lawsuit from three former female students and their families after it allegedly retaliated against them when they reported sexual harassment by fellow male students. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**WPRI-CBS (Providence, RI): US attorney seeks to finish naked fat test investigation by next school year**, Eli Sherman, Tim White and Ted Nesi, June 17, 2022, 5:25 PM (EDT)

Rhode Island U.S. Attorney Zachary Cunha is seeking to complete his civil rights investigation of the North Kingstown School Department by the fall, saying he wants to make a decision ahead of next school year in the event some type of corrective action is required. The state’s top federal prosecutor launched the Title IV investigation earlier this year in the wake of the naked fat test scandal involving by Aaron Thomas, the high school’s former boys basketball coach. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

## **CIVIL LAW**

**LAT: Justice Department makes public search warrant targeting Sen. Richard Burr over stock trades**, Sarah D. Wire, June 17, 2022, 11:02 PM

The Justice Department on Friday made public a search warrant it used to obtain Sen. Richard M. Burr’s cellphone in 2020 as part of an investigation into his stock trades at the start of the COVID-19 pandemic. The department released the search warrant and accompanying affidavit in response to a lawsuit brought by the Los Angeles Times. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**Law360: Virus Exclusion Dooms NJ Whiskey Bar's Business Loss Suit**, Riley Murdock, June 17, 2022, 6:06 PM (EDT)

A New Jersey federal court tossed a whiskey bar's bid for COVID-19 business interruption coverage from Amguard Insurance Co., finding the restaurant's losses fell under a broad virus exclusion in its policy. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**Law360: 2nd Circ. Says Allstate Must Cover Dry-Cleaning Injury Row**, Ganesh Setty, June 17, 2022, 4:27 PM

Allstate must defend and indemnify a man and his company facing personal injury claims over a fallen dry-cleaning press, the Second Circuit ruled Friday, reversing a New York federal court decision that found a Nationwide unit insuring the business was on the hook for coverage [[Continue Reading](#)]

**Law360: Fla. Firm Seeks Restart Of Fee Suit Despite Atty's Misconduct**, Andrew Strickler, June 17, 2022, 4:23 PM (EDT)

A Florida law firm that represented two wrongfully convicted men before one of its lawyers was caught defrauding them is continuing its fight for fees after a jury awarded the pair \$75 million in a civil rights lawsuit. In an appeal to the Fourth Circuit, Jaime Halscott of Halscott Megaro PA in Orlando said a North Carolina federal judge improperly treated the firm and attorney Patrick Megaro as "one and the same" when the court threw out the firm's fee-focused case last month. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**WCMH-NBC (Columbus, OH): DOJ: Groveport Madison Board of Education owes former teacher \$200,000 for Civil Rights Act violation**, Justin Holbrock, June 17, 2022, 11:09 PM

The Justice Department announced Friday the Groveport Madison Local School District Board of Education owes a former teacher \$200,000 for a Civil Rights Act violation. The settlement resolves the department's complaint alleging that the Board violated Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 when it discriminated and retaliated against former Groveport Madison High School assistant principal Amon-Ra Dobbins. [[Continue Reading](#)]

## IMMIGRATION & BORDER SECURITY

**Law360: 8th Circ. Tosses 4th Amendment Claim In Atty Shoving Suit**, Nicole Rosenthal, June 17, 2022, 4:59 PM

The Eighth Circuit has overturned a Missouri district court's denial of qualified immunity to an Immigration and Customs Enforcement officer who allegedly pushed and injured an immigration attorney, saying the push... [[Continue Reading](#)]

**Law360: 9th Circ. Denies Asylum Case Review Over Unreliable Identity**, Rae Ann Varona, June 17, 2022, 4:36 PM

The Ninth Circuit shut down a Jamaican asylum-seeker's second quest to reopen his asylum proceedings, saying that his previous unreliable testimony justified rejecting his new claims of political strife and violence... [[Continue Reading](#)]

**Bloomberg Law: Immigrant Mothers Win Appeal To Challenge Detention Center Rule**, Janet Miranda, June 17, 2022, 12:33 PM

Detained mothers have standing to sue the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services over a licensing rule governing immigration detention centers because they allege concrete personal injuries traceable to the adoption of the rule, the state's high court said Friday.

A court of appeals previously held that detainee mothers lacked standing to assert their claims over Rule 748.7 of the Texas Administrative Code. [[Continue Reading](#)]

*WCIV-ABC/MyNetworkTV (Charleston, SC):* **Lawyers: Feds illegally gathered evidence against Mt. Pleasant sex trafficking suspect**, Anne Emerson, June 17 2022, 8:36 PM

A prominent Mount Pleasant businessman accused of child sex trafficking is trying to get at least some of the evidence against him thrown out of court. [...] The defense team for Dawson Caldwell are now arguing that the evidence collected on the 52-year-old businessman's phone was seized illegally and a violation of his 4th Amendment rights. Border agents downloaded the phones contents as Caldwell reentered the country. hat search is presumably protected under U.S. Customs and Border Protection Title 19, which says, "All persons, baggage and merchandise arriving in the Customs territory of the United States from places outside thereof are liable to inspection by a CBP officer." [[Continue Reading](#)]

*Laredo Morning Times (Laredo, TX):* **USBP agents foiled smuggling attempt of 80 migrants**, Cesar G Rodriguez, June 17, 2022, 3:51 PM (EDT)

A Dallas resident said he tried smuggling migrants through a U.S. Border Patrol checkpoint because he needed money, according to an arrest affidavit. Menietto Lateet Crawford was arrested and charged with transport, attempt to transport and conspire to transport migrants for the purpose of commercial advantage and private financial gain. [[Continue Reading](#)]

## ANTITRUST

*Law360:* **Google Can't Ask About Default Search Contracts With Rivals**, Bryan Koenig, June 17, 2022, 7:46 PM (EDT)

A D.C federal judge refused Friday to force the Justice Department to answer additional questions about its views on the web of contracts keeping Google as the default search on smartphones, questioning why it matters if the government would consider those deals illegal if struck by other providers. [[Continue Reading](#)]

*The Dallas Morning News (Dallas, TX):* **Dallas-based Steward and HCA call off deal; FTC says it's a 'lesson learned' for hospitals**, Paul O'Donnell, June 17, 2022, 6:00 PM

Dallas-based Steward Health Care and hospital giant HCA Healthcare are calling off a deal for five Utah hospitals, just two weeks after federal regulators sued to halt the consolidation. The move to abandon the sale of five Steward-owned hospitals to HCA drew an immediate response from the Federal Trade Commission. "This transaction ... should never have been proposed in the first place," said Holly Vedova, the agency's bureau of competition director, in a statement. [[Continue Reading](#)]

*KNDU-NBC (Richland, WA):* **Price gouging on baby formula? WA senators Murray and Cantwell demand investigation**, Annette Cary, June 17, 2022, 8:39 PM (EDT)

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration needs to investigate whether national retail chains and online sellers have raised specialized infant formula prices during the current shortage, says Sen. Patty Murray, D-Wash. [...] She led other senators in sending a letter Tuesday to Lina Khan, chairwoman of the Federal Trade Commission, asking that staff investigate unfair trade practices at national retail chains. [[Continue Reading](#)]

## ENVIRONMENT

*Law360:* **New Mexico Tells 10th Circ. It Can Fight Texas Nuke Storage**, Greg Lamm, June 17, 2022, 6:15 PM (EDT)

New Mexico told the Tenth Circuit on Thursday the state has standing to challenge the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission's permitting of a temporary nuclear waste storage facility just across the border in west Texas, saying the consequences of radiation exposure in an accident would harm residents, the environment and key

industries. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**WANE-CBS (Fort Wayne, IN): Feds: President of environmental services business faked docs; illegally stored hazardous waste**, Jeff Wiehe, June 17, 2022, 10:46 AM

A federal judge sentenced a Fort Wayne woman Thursday to two years probation for falsifying documents and illegally storing hazardous waste at her local company. Michelle M. Rouseff-Kemp had previously pleaded guilty to one count of falsifying documents and one count of illegally storing hazardous waste last year, according to U.S. district. [[Continue Reading](#)]

## TAX

**Law360: Fla. Woman Convicted In \$3B Scheme To Defraud IRS**, Ivan Moreno, June 17, 2022, 2:40 PM

A federal jury convicted a Florida woman Thursday of swindling the Internal Revenue Service out of nearly \$6 million with a fake tax return scheme she and her husband carried out over a 10-year span that sought \$3 billion in total refunds to fund a lavish lifestyle. Jurors found Joyce O. Isagba guilty on one count of conspiring to defraud the United States and three counts of mail fraud [[Continue Reading](#)]

**Lexington Herald-Leader (Lexington, KY): Kentucky lawyer who evaded more than \$1 million in taxes convicted**, Bill Estep, June 17, 2022, 7:58 PM (EDT)

A Kentucky lawyer accused of evading more than \$1 million in federal income taxes was convicted Friday. Jurors convicted Keith Hunter, of Louisville, on the charge of tax evasion after a five-day trial in federal court, according to a news release from U.S. Attorney Michael A. Bennett and Bryant Jackson of the Internal Revenue Service. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [WDRB-Fox \(Louisville, KY\)](#) , [WPSD-NBC \(Paducah, KY\)](#)

**Patch (Hartford, CT): Tax Preparer Who Worked In Connecticut Indicted On Federal Charges**, Chris Dehnel, June 17, 2022, 6:49 PM (EDT)

A tax preparer who served clients in Connecticut is facing federal fraud charges. Vanessa Roberts Avery, United States attorney for the District of Connecticut, and Joleen D. Simpson, special agent in charge of IRS criminal investigation in New England, Friday announced that a federal grand jury in Bridgeport has returned a 22-count indictment charging 33-year-old Florida resident Keyante Paul with tax fraud offenses. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Connecticut Post \(Bridgeport, CT\)](#)

## FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES

**AP: Witness: Federal officer in shootout in downtown Atlanta**, Unattributed, June 18, 2022, 10:01 AM

Witnesses say a federal officer and another man engaged in a shootout in downtown Atlanta on Friday and one of them was taken away by ambulance, but federal officials haven't explained what happened. The gunfire was unleashed just after 3 p.m. on the Ted Turner Drive bridge, near the Richard Russell federal courthouse, State Farm Arena and CNN Center. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**CBS: Pittsburgh man pleads guilty to trafficking cocaine, shooting ATF agent during raid**, Madeline Bartos, June 17, 2022, 2:33 PM

A Pittsburgh man admitted to trafficking cocaine and shooting an ATF agent during a raid. Forty-six-year-old Dion Williams pleaded guilty to violating federal narcotics and firearms laws and assaulting a federal agent with a dangerous weapon, prosecutors announced Friday. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**Washington Examiner: FBI official may have violated Hatch Act with anti-Trump posts: DOJ watchdog**, Jerry Dunleavy, June 17, 2022, 3:01 PM

The Justice Department's watchdog said an FBI official handling sensitive criminal cases in the nation's capital

may have violated the law due to his partisan social media posts, many of which criticized then-President Donald Trump and then-Attorney General William Barr. DOJ Inspector General Michael Horowitz revealed that Timothy Thibault, the FBI assistant special agent in charge at the Washington Field Office, may have broken the Hatch Act, an inconsistently enforced 1939 law that precludes most executive branch federal employees from engaging in electioneering and political activity. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**Herald Review (Sierra Vista, AZ): Medical examiner's report says migrant was stabbed by Border Patrol agent**, Lyda Longa, June 18, 2022, 1:23 AM (EDT)

An undocumented migrant who crossed the border illegally into Douglas in late May was killed after he was stabbed twice by a Border Patrol agent, a medical examiner's report issued Friday shows. The report by the Pima County Medical Examiner's Office shows that 32-year old Roman Aguilar of Chiapas was stabbed twice in the chest the morning of May 24. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [Tucson Sentinel \(Tucson, AZ\)](#)

**Virginian-Pilot (Norfolk, VA): A Portsmouth woman gave a false alibi for her boyfriend in a child murder case. Now she's facing time in federal prison.**, Jane Harper, June 17, 2022, 4:14 pm

Several months after Jazma Watson's boyfriend was charged with shooting and killing a 7-year-old girl while the child was in her mother's car, a federal investigator asked to meet with Watson. A federal agent with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives asked Watson if she knew where Antonyo Taylor was when the child was killed Dec. 22, 2020, according to a court document. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**WTVR-CBS (Richmond, VA): US marshals searching for 4 inmates who 'walked away' from Virginia prison camp**, Unattributed, June 18, 2022, 12:27 PM

Authorities are searching for four inmates officials said "walked away" from a federal prison's satellite campus in Prince George County early Saturday morning. Officials with the Federal Correctional Complex (FCC) in Petersburg said Corey Branch, Tavares Lajuane Graham, Lamonte Rashawn Willis and Kareem Allen Shaw were discovered missing from the FCC's satellite camp in Prince George at 1:45 a.m. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**Daily Voice: US Marshals Vehicles Surround DelCo Murder Suspect Trying To Flee Traffic Stop**, Cecilia Levine, June 18, 2022, 10:50 AM

A man wanted in the 2021 murder of an 18-year-old man in Delaware County was captured by US Marshals agents. Marlon Cooper, 19, has been wanted for months in the killing of Samad Montgomery last August in Chester. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**KNSD-NBC (San Diego, CA): Man Wanted for Questioning After Girlfriend Found Dead in Tijuana Crossed Border Using Alias: FBI**, Rory Devine, Bill Feather and Rafael Avitabile, June 18, 2022, 2:30 AM (EDT)

A man Mexican authorities say murdered the mother of his child in Tijuana is unaccounted for, possibly in the U.S., despite Mexican authorities claiming they turned him over to U.S. Customs and Border Protection at the border this week. Law enforcement in San Diego, and Hawaii where the suspect escaped jail on a fraud sentence, are looking for 50-year-old Tyler Adams. The FBI says Adams, who is known to use more than a dozen aliases, is wanted for questioning regarding the disappearance of his girlfriend, Raquel Sabean. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**WBBJ-ABC/CBS (Jackson, TN): U.S. Marshals get training on crimes against children**, Unattributed, June 17, 2022, 11:32 PM (EDT)

The U.S. Marshals Two Rivers Violent Task Force recently completed 16 hours of training. The training focused on crimes against children. This week, instructors from the Texas Department of Public Safety traveled to Memphis and provided instruction in "Interdiction for the Protection of Children." [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**WGHP is a television station licensed to High Point, NC): Feds: Smugglers abandoned bodies of migrants**

**on freeway after they died of exposure, Julian Resendiz**, June 17, 2022, 8:20 PM (EDT)

Federal officials are investigating the death of two migrants whose bodies were found on an entrance ramp to Interstate 10 near Van Horn, Texas. A passing motorist discovered the bodies on June 12 and fingerprint checks identified the two individuals as Rosenda Gomez Lopez, of Guatemala, and Edgar Vividor Rodriguez, of Mexico. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**KNSD-NBC (San Diego, CA): 26 Pounds of Meth Found in Child Booster Seats: CBP**, Unattributed, June 17, 2022, 2:50 PM (EDT)

Roughly 26 pounds of methamphetamine were found in child booster seats during a smuggling attempt on Wednesday, according to U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP). The discovery was made during a vehicle stop on northbound Interstate 15, just north of the Newton Azrak Border Patrol Station checkpoint in Murrieta. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**WCBD-NBC/CW Plus (Charleston, SC): GOP lawmakers say economic growth hinges on border security**, Sandra Sanchez, June 17, 2022, 10:59 PM (EDT)

After participating in a congressional hearing held Friday on the South Texas border regarding economic growth and development of the region, a few Republican members of the special committee toured the Rio Grande and shifted their attention to border security. Four members of the U.S. House Select Committee on Economic Disparity and Fairness in Growth boarded heavily armed boats operated by the Texas Department of Public Safety that were launched from Anzalduas Park in the early afternoon. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**KOAT-ABC (Albuquerque, NM): Have you seen Anthonette Cayedito?**, Sasha Lenninger, June 18, 2022, 12:05 PM (EDT)

It's the oldest missing and murdered Indigenous case being investigated by the FBI in New Mexico. Anthonette Cayedito was taken from her Gallup home on April 6, 1986. She was 9-years-old at the time. All these years later, the heartbreak is still raw for her family. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

## CRIMINAL JUSTICE/CORRECTIONS

**Southern Illinoisan (Carbondale, Ill.): Thomson Prison inmate: 'Cruelty is just something you expect'**, Tom Loewy Sarah Hayden, June 17, 2022, 6:37 PM (EDT)

Jasper Rivera has spent most of his life in some form of incarceration. While behind bars, he has witnessed violence, perpetrated it and been its target. [...] Last week, the U.S. Department of Justice Inspector General's Office opened an investigation into Thomson Federal Prison amid ongoing allegations of abuse, the overuse of solitary confinement and the deaths of seven inmates over a two-year period. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

## US SUPREME COURT

**AP: Louisiana asks Supreme Court to delay mostly Black district**, Sara Cline and Janet McConnaughey, June 17, 2022, 6:31 PM

Louisiana's secretary of state and attorney general asked the U.S. Supreme Court on Friday to put a hold on a federal judge's order for the state to create a second majority Black congressional district by Monday. Judge Shelly Dick's ruling "throws the election process into chaos, and creates confusion statewide," said a 51-page motion filed for Secretary of State Kyle Ardoin by the attorney general's office. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**Reuters: As abortion ruling nears, U.S. Supreme Court erects barricades to the public**, Lawrence Hurley, June 17, 2022, 10:10 AM

Encircled by an ominous security fence and off-limits to the public since March 2020, the U.S. Supreme Court is

poised in the coming weeks to issue a major ruling that could dramatically curtail abortion rights from behind closed doors with not a single justice in sight. No members of the public have been allowed in the courthouse since COVID-19 pandemic precautions were implemented in March 2020. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**WaPo: It wasn't just Proud Boys. Interconnected extremists converged on Jan. 6.**, Michael Jensen, June 17, 2022, 4:38 PM

Super Happy Fun America, the Woodland Wild Dogs and America First Bruins are not household names in the way the Proud Boys, the Oath Keepers and QAnon are. But they, too, are groups whose members or associates have been charged with participating in the Jan. 6 attack on the Capitol last year. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**LAT: As abortion ruling nears, Supreme Court's standing already has dropped, polls show**, David Lauter, June 17, 2022, 11:11 AM (EDT)

Sometime in the next two or three weeks, the Supreme Court will release a decision on abortion rights that probably will rank among its most controversial in decades. The justices will take that step as their standing with the public sinks to its lowest point in decades. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**Law360: Justices Leave Many With No Court To Hear Innocence Claims**, Christina Swarns | June 17, 2022, 5:31 PM

The U.S. Supreme Court's May 23 decision in *Shinn v. Ramirez* and *Jones* closed the federal courthouse doors to evidence of ineffective assistance of counsel that was not first presented to the state courts. This devastating decision will leave countless people in the nightmarish position of having no court to hear their very real claims of innocence. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**SCOTUSblog: Pennsylvania's congressional map returns to the court**, Kalvis Golde, June 17, 2022, 5:24 PM

Much attention has been devoted recently to the increased calls for emergency relief from the Supreme Court in fast-paced litigation on the shadow docket. [...] In *Costello v. Carter*, former Rep. Ryan Costello asks the court to answer two questions related to the drawing of states' maps for congressional elections. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**Gila Herald (Safford, AZ): Supreme Court rejects Arizona's attempt to defend 'public charge' rule**, Tracy Abiaka, June 17, 2022, 3:03 PM (EDT)

The Supreme Court on Wednesday dismissed Arizona's attempt to defend a Trump-era "public charge" that would have made it harder for immigrants to gain permanent residency after the Biden administration refused to defend the policy. Wednesday's decision means that lower court rulings that had blocked the public charge rule will stand, an action that one migration lawyer said closes the door on "a very dark chapter of the weaponization of the public charge rule." [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

## NATIVE AMERICAN AFFAIRS

**Law360: Minn. Prosecutor, Sheriff Seek To Escape Tribal Policing Suit**, Caleb Symons, June 17, 2022, 2:49 PM

Two county officials in Minnesota asked a federal judge Thursday to release them from a lawsuit filed by the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe over the tribe's police authority, saying the dispute involves no action they took in their personal capacities and should instead focus on their personal capacities and should instead focus on their offices [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**Tulsa World (Tulsa, OK): Letter: McGirt decision could be boost for women's health on tribal lands**, Bob Pezold, June 18, 2022, 1:08 AM (EDT)

It's not often that an opportunity comes along that both advances women's health care and has an economic

angle. A different look at the U.S. Supreme Court's *McGirt* decision provides that opportunity for the tribes in Oklahoma and other states. Oklahoma's recent anti-abortion law is a state law, not a federal law. Parts of Oklahoma's law criminalize abortion-related acts by women, doctors and others. [[Continue Reading](#)]

*Tahlequah Daily Press (Tahlequah, OK): [EDITORIAL] EDITORIAL: Rethinking flag order was right thing to do, Editorial Board*, June 17, 2022, 3:07 PM (EDT)

Cherokee Nation Principal Chief Chuck Hoskin's decision to reassess his executive order to remove Oklahoma state flags from tribal property was a prudent one, but not for the reasons some people think. Objective observers might assume Hoskin set the flag order to thumb his nose Gov. Kevin Stitt. Since the U.S. Supreme Court's *McGirt v. Oklahoma* ruling, Stitt has repeatedly asserted that the decision undermines state's rights and poses a hazard to all Oklahomans. [[Continue Reading](#)]

## MARIJUANA LEGALIZATION

*Marijuana Moment: Senate Committee Hears From Indian Tribes On Marijuana Issues At Listening Session*, Kyle Jaeger, June 17, 2022, 5:50 PM

A Senate committee held a listening session on Friday to address marijuana issues for Indian tribes, discussing relevant legislation and the importance of Tribal sovereignty with respect to cannabis. [...] Schatz's communications director recently told Marijuana Moment that the session was an opportunity for tribes to share feedback on cannabis issues with Senate staffers. The session is not considered a formal hearing, however, and no senators participated. [[Continue reading](#)]

*Cannabis Now (Berkeley, CA): Will the Supreme Court Legalize Cannabis?*, Chris Roberts, June 17, 2022, 9:44 AM

A great dark cloud hangs over the bright and sunny success of marijuana legalization in the US: federal law, which still declares cannabis an outlaw plant. This status quo causes great distress to American cannabis businesses and those still in federal prisons for marijuana offenses. Despite all the progress at the state level, this front of the drug war seems locked in a stalemate. Here's a question: Can the Supreme Court legalize cannabis? [[Continue Reading](#)]

## ADMINISTRATION

*AP: Biden's optimism collides with mounting political challenges*, Will Weissert and Zeke Miller, June 18, 2022, 9:19 PM

Democrats are going to hold onto the House after November's midterm elections. They will pick up as many as four seats in the Senate, expanding their majority and overcoming internal dissent that has helped stifle their agenda. As the challenges confronting President Joe Biden intensify, his predictions of a rosy political future for the Democratic Party are growing bolder. [[Continue Reading](#)]

*AP: Jill Biden: 'It's up to Congress to act' on gun safety laws*, Darkebe Superville, June 17, 2022, 6:24 PM

First lady Jill Biden, a longtime teacher, said Friday she's often wondered if her own students would be the next "heartbreaking headline" as she urged parents and teachers to speak up and demand that Congress pass tougher gun safety measures. "There are no excuses. It's up to Congress to act," Biden said in a speech to the National PTA Convention meeting in a Maryland suburb of Washington. [[Continue Reading](#)]

*Reuters: U.S. drone sale to Ukraine hits snag - sources*, Mike Stone, June 17, 2022, 5:32 PM

The Biden administration's plan to sell four large, armable drones to Ukraine has been paused on the fear its sophisticated surveillance equipment might fall into enemy hands, according to two people familiar with the matter. The technical objection to the sale was raised during a deeper review by the Pentagon's Defense

Technology Security Administration charged with keeping high value technology safe from enemy hands. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**Reuters: Analysis: With record pump prices, Biden hard-pressed to ramp up Russia sanctions**, Timothy Gardner, June 17, 2022, 12:07 PM

As the Biden administration contemplates expanding punitive measures on Russia for its invasion of Ukraine, a big hurdle lies closer to home: the American consumer. U.S. drivers are embarking on summer vacations with gasoline prices averaging more than \$5 a gallon for the first time ever. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**Reuters: Column: White House tries to blame U.S. refiners for its own overheating error**, John Kemp, June 17, 2022, 10:38 AM

The White House has sought to deflect the blame for high gasoline prices onto refiners for cutting capacity and not making enough fuel, but the real source of the price increases is the attempt to run the economy “hot”. In conjunction with the Federal Reserve, White House policy has been to run the economy as fast as possible to minimise unemployment and under-employment, especially among the most disadvantaged groups in the labour market. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**Bloomberg Law: Biden Administration Renews Support for Bear Baiting Review**, Maya Earls, June 17, 2022, 12:44 PM

A policy allowing black bear baiting in national forests in Idaho and Wyoming doesn’t need a federal species review because baiting isn’t a federal action, the Biden administration and those states told a federal court in Idaho. Bear baiting that takes place on National Forest System lands is “authorized by those states and carried out by private individuals,” according to the filing in the US District Court for the District of Idaho. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**The Hill: Defense & National Security — Biden addresses US veterans missing in Ukraine**, Jordan Williams, June 17, 2022, 6:58 PM

President Biden said Friday that he has been briefed on several U.S. veterans that have reportedly gone missing in Ukraine. We’ll look at what we know so far. Plus, a bipartisan bill seeks to overhaul U.S. policy toward Taiwan. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**The Hill: Harris meets baby formula shipment outside DC**, Morgan Chalfant, June 17, 2022, 5:32 PM

Vice President Harris welcomed another shipment of infant formula from overseas at the Dulles, Va., airport on Friday and said that the administration will have brought in 13 million eight-ounce bottles through its “Operation Fly Formula” airlift by the end of the week. Harris and second gentleman Doug Emhoff met with aviation and transportation workers aiding the formula delivery at the airport outside Washington. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**The Hill: Harris touts administration’s lead removal efforts in Pittsburgh**, Zack Budryk, June 17, 2022, 3:32 PM

Vice President Harris highlighted federal action to replace lead pipes at an event in Pittsburgh on Friday. The bipartisan infrastructure law President Biden signed in late 2021 includes more than \$4 billion to replace all the nation’s lead pipes. Lead contamination of water supplies has been linked to lead poisoning and learning disabilities, most notoriously in the case of Flint, Mich., which exposed up to 12,000 children to lead. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**The Hill: Democrat to Biden: Don’t suspend gas tax**, Zack Budryk, June 17, 2022, 1:19 PM

Rep. Earl Blumenauer (D-Ore.) asked President Biden to oppose a suspension of the federal gas tax in a letter Thursday, warning of “severe unintended consequences” for infrastructure. Biden is coming under pressure from other Democrats to embrace a gas tax holiday, and The Hill reported this week that the idea is gaining steam. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**The Hill: Biden approval rating down to 39 percent in new poll**, Alex Gangitano, June 17, 2022, 11:35 AM  
President Biden's approval rating is down to 39 percent, according to a new USA TODAY-Suffolk poll, marking another dismal survey for the president amid high inflation and rising gas prices. The poll, which was published on Friday, also showed that 47 percent of respondents "strongly" disapprove of his job performance as president, which is up from 44 percent who strongly disapproved in a February poll. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

## CONGRESS

**The Hill: [OPINION] Republicans should wait to regulate Big Tech**, Luke Hogg, June 17, 2022, 6:30 PM (EDT)

A coalition of lawmakers and advocacy groups is making its final push to pass antitrust legislation targeted at large tech platforms before the end of the year. [...] Ultimately, the bill empowers the FTC and DOJ to interpret AICOA, and these agencies will have every incentive to push for the broadest possible reading. Given that penalties are as high as 10 percent of total US revenues, companies will also take an extremely cautious approach to navigating the law's ambiguity—errring on the side of shutting down services many consumers rely on. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**The Hill: House Democrat calls for Clarence Thomas to resign following report of wife's email with Eastman**, Mychael Schnell, June 17, 2022, 1:24 PM

Rep. Bill Pascrell (D-N.J.) called on Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas to resign on Thursday after news that his wife, Virginia "Ginni" Thomas, emailed with conservative lawyer John Eastman, who was central in former President Trump's efforts to overturn the 2020 presidential election. In a statement on Thursday, Pascrell said Thomas "cannot possibly be seen as a neutral actor," labeling him "a corrupt jurist." [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**KTVZ-NBC (Bend, OR): Wyden, colleagues intro bill to ban data brokers from selling location, health data**, Unattributed, June 17, 2022, 2:31 PM (EDT)

Sen. Ron Wyden, D-Ore., said Friday he is cosponsoring the Health and Location Data Protection Act, legislation that bans data brokers from selling Americans' health and location data.[...] Ban data brokers from selling or transferring location data and health data and require the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) to promulgate rules to implement the law within 180 days, while making exceptions for HIPAA-compliant activities, protected First Amendment speech, and validly authorized disclosures. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

## NETWORK EVENING NEWS LINEUP: JUNE 17, 2022

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

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

**NBC: Nightly News with Lester Holt was preempted due to US Open Golf**

- Three Americans fighting for Ukraine are feared missing. Two of the Americans are feared captured by Russia. This as the leaders of France, Germany, Italy, and Romania visited Kiev with President Volodymyr Zelenskyy stating, "...we can and must work together." [\[ABC, CBS\]](#)
- The Jan. 6 House Committee's third hearing aired testimony demonstrating the pressure former President Trump placed on former Vice-President Pence to overturn President Biden's victory. Testimony demonstrated Trump was told the attempt to overturn the election was illegal. If Pence had done what

Trump had wanted, the US would have undergone a Revolution within a Constitutional Crisis. [[ABC-1](#), [ABC-2](#)]

- Severe storms are stretching from the Carolinas to the Northeast with record heat waves occurring across the Mid-south. Tornado warnings, hail, and heat waves are expected on Monday and Tuesday. [[ABC](#)]
- A daring US Special Forces raid in Syria resulted in the live capture of ISIS leader, Hani Ahmed Al-Kurdi, who is responsible for coordinating attacks on US forces. There were no US injuries or damage to military aircraft in the latest daring mission in Al-Kurdi's capture. [[ABC](#)]
- The Abbott Nutrition Formula Plant in Sturgis, Michigan has been shut down again due to storm related flooding. The company said it had sufficient supplies of EleCare and most of its specialty and metabolic formulas to meet demand until new formula is available while the company assesses the damage from the storm and cleans the plant. [[ABC](#)]
- After the massive federal interest rate hike, President Biden addressed the growing fear of a recession stating it's not inevitable that we have a recession because the US is in a better position than any other country to overcome this. The DOW fell to 29927.07, its lowest point in more than a year. [[ABC](#)]
- In Uvalde, Texas the funerals continue for the twenty-one victims. The funeral for Layla Salazar, marks the twentieth funeral. The twenty-first and final funeral is scheduled for Saturday. [[ABC](#)]
- In Alabama, a third person has died following a shooting at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church outside Birmingham. The suspect Robert Findlay Smith occasionally attended the church and was at a dinner there when he pulled out a handgun and started firing. Smith was subdued by someone at the event until police arrived and took him into custody. [[CBS](#)]
- Today, former President Donald Trump denounced the Jan. 6 investigation, mocked his enemies, denied calling VP Mike Pence a wimp, defended the mob that stormed the US Capitol, and spoke of possibly pardoning the more 800 rioters jailed for storming the Capitol in a speech at a Faith and Freedom event in Nashville, Tenn. A source close to the former President says Trump's anger at the House hearings is prodding Trump to run again. [[CBS](#)]
- Heading into the holiday weekend, Airlines have canceled more than 3,000 flights and delayed another 14,000 more over the last 2 days as the summer travel season begins. Weather and staff shortages are major reasons for the delay. [[CBS](#)]
- The FDA has authorized COVID vaccines by Moderna and Pfizer for babies, toddlers, and preschoolers. Final approval by the CDC may occur over the weekend. [[CBS](#)]
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A Kaiser Family Foundation poll found that 25% of adults with medical debt owe more than five thousand dollars, with more than 57% of US Adults going into debt in the last five years because of medical or dental bills, and 18% of Americans don't expect to ever pay off their medical debts. The research demonstrates 100+million Americans face Health Care debt. [\[CBS\]](#)

- The Watergate break-in which led to the resignation of President Richard Nixon occurred 50 years ago. Lesley Stahl briefly spoke of her reporting as a rookie reporter during the Watergate scandal. [\[CBS\]](#)

## AFTERNOON HEADLINES

- “How Gun Sellers Harness Fear and Machismo to Supercharge Sales” [NYT](#)
- “Americans are starting to pull back on travel and restaurants” [WaPo](#)
- “Rising Inflation and Interest Rates Heap Pressure on Emerging Markets” [WSJ](#)
- “Horrific details emerge about deadly ambush of El Monte police officers” [LAT](#)

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## US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE NEWS

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

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

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

Attorney General Merrick Garland said Wednesday that the Justice Department takes threats against Supreme Court justices "extraordinarily seriously" as he voiced support for a bill that extends security protections to justices' immediate family members. Garland reiterated that justices now receive "24-7 protection," including at their residences, and he said he's met with the Marshal of the Supreme Court, the FBI and others, "to be sure that we were assessing all possible threats and providing all resources available." [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

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

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

**AP: Harris to launch task force on online harassment, abuse**, Chris Megerian, June 16, 2022, 5:58 AM

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

**Oregon Capital Chronicle: Oregon's prison director a finalist to lead federal prison system**, Les Zaitz, June 15, 2021

Colette Peters, director of Oregon's prison system, is poised to become the next director of the U.S. Bureau of Prisons. She has been director of the Oregon Department of Corrections since 2012, overseeing 4,400 employees and 12,124 adults in custody.... To get the job in a component of the U.S Justice Department, Peters must first clear a federal background investigation. She is the top choice for the job, according to a criminal justice source who is not authorized to speak publicly about a pending appointment. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [AP](#)

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

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

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

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

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

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

## **NATIONAL SECURITY**

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

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

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

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

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

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

## **JAN. 6**

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

The House committee investigating the Jan. 6, 2021, attack on the Capitol has obtained email correspondence between Virginia "Ginni" Thomas, the wife of Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas, and lawyer John Eastman, who played a key role in efforts to pressure Vice President Mike Pence to block the certification of Joe Biden's victory, according to three people involved in the committee's investigation. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [CNN](#)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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## **IMMIGRATION & BORDER SECURITY**

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

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

## **ANTITRUST**

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

In a filing on Wednesday, the Department of Justice asked a federal court to limit the scope of Major League Baseball’s antitrust exemption to “conduct that is central to the offering of

professional baseball exhibitions.” Calling the century-old exemption an aberration — no such exemption exists for other United States-based sports leagues — the filing said the Supreme Court ruling that created the exemption was based on a “repudiated” interpretation of the Constitution. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**ESPN: Department of Justice asks federal court to limit MLB's antitrust exemption,**

Joon Lee, June 16, 2022, 1:00 AM

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

## **FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES**

**WaPo: U.S. probing how American electronics wound up in Russian military gear,**

Jeanne Whalen, June 15, 2022, 6:55 PM

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

**Newsweek: Bone-Chilling FBI Audio Recording of 9/11 Terrorist Attacks Resurfaces,**

Sara Santora, June 15, 2022, 2:56 PM

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

**WRGT (Dayton, OH): Attorney General Yost announces partnership that will analyze firearms faster,**

Lydia Bice, June 15, 2022, 3:00 PM

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

## **CRIMINAL JUSTICE/CORRECTIONS**

**Reuters: U.S. President Reagan's shooter John Hinckley fully released after 41 years,**

Jonathan Allen, June 15, 2022, 9:11 PM

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

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

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

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

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

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

## **US SUPREME COURT**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## **JUDICIAL NOMINEES & APPOINTMENTS**

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

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

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

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

## **ADMINISTRATION**

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

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

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

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

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## **CONGRESS**

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

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

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

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

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- The Federal Reserve intensified its fight against high inflation on Wednesday, raising its key interest rate by three-quarters of a point — the largest bump since 1994 — and signaling more rate hikes ahead as it tries to cool off the U.S. economy without causing a recession. [\[ABC, CBS, NBC, NBC-2\]](#)
- The U.S. announced it will send an additional \$1 billion in military aid to Ukraine, as America and its allies provide longer-range weapons they say can make a difference in a fight where Ukrainian forces are outnumbered and outgunned by their Russian invaders. [\[ABC, CBS, NBC\]](#)
- The Jan. 6 Committee on Wednesday released new footage of a man who on Jan. 6 outside the Capitol made violent verbal threats against top Democratic lawmakers and who the day before had been taken on a tour of House office buildings by Rep. Barry Loudermilk, R-Ga. [\[ABC, CBS, NBC\]](#)
- Rep. Tom Rice was one of ten Republicans who voted to impeach former President Trump after the January 6th insurrection and never wavered from his vote. This cost Rice as he lost his primary to Trump-endorsed candidate state Rep. Russell Fry. [\[NBC\]](#)
- COVID-19 vaccine shots for U.S. infants, toddlers and preschoolers moved a step closer Wednesday. The Food and Drug Administration's outside vaccine advisers gave

a thumbs-up to Moderna's two-shot vaccine and also to Pfizer-BioNTech's three-shot series for the young age group. [ABC](#)

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## **US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE NEWS**

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**CNN: Merrick Garland says threats against Supreme Court justices are taken 'extraordinarily seriously'**, Whitney Wild, Evan Perez, Manu Raju and Hannah Rabinowitz, June 15, 2022, 1:58 PM  
Attorney General Merrick Garland said Wednesday that the Justice Department takes threats against Supreme Court justices "extraordinarily seriously" as he voiced support for a bill that extends security protections to justices' immediate family members. Garland reiterated that justices now receive "24-7 protection," including at their residences, and he said he's met with the Marshal of the Supreme Court, the FBI and others, "to be sure that we were assessing all possible threats and providing all resources available." [[Continue Reading](#)]

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

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

**AP: Harris to launch task force on online harassment, abuse**, Chris Megerian, June 16, 2022, 5:58 AM

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

**Oregon Capital Chronicle: Oregon's prison director a finalist to lead federal prison system**, Les Zaitz, June 15, 2021

Colette Peters, director of Oregon's prison system, is poised to become the next director of the U.S. Bureau of Prisons. She has been director of the Oregon Department of Corrections since 2012, overseeing 4,400 employees and 12,124 adults in custody.... To get the job in a component of the U.S. Justice Department, Peters must first clear a federal background investigation. She is the top choice for the job, according to a criminal justice source who is not authorized to speak publicly about a pending

appointment. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [AP](#)

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

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

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

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

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

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

## **NATIONAL SECURITY**

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

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

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

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

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

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

**JAN. 6**

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

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

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

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

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

Three Florida residents were charged on Wednesday in connection with the January 2021 attack on the U.S. Capitol, including one of whom prosecutors said sought to volunteer with the far-right Oath Keepers militia. The Justice Department said that Leslie Gray, 56, Traci Isaacs, 52, and her husband, Luis Hallon, 67, of St. Cloud, Florida were all arrested on Wednesday. Gray is facing felony charges of civil disorder and obstruction of an official proceeding and other misdemeanors, while Isaacs is charged with destruction of documents and other lesser offenses, while Hallon is facing several misdemeanors. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [WKMG-CBS \(Orlando, FL\)](#), [WOFL-Fox \(Orlando, FL\)](#), [WTOG-CBS \(Savannah, GA\)](#)

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

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

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

**IMMIGRATION & BORDER SECURITY**

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

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

## **ANTITRUST**

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

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

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

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

## **FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES**

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

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

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

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

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

On Wednesday, June 15, Attorney General Dave Yost announced a partnership with the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) that will allow the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) to analyze firearms evidence significantly faster for law enforcement agencies

statewide. This partnership will also help Ohio law enforcement agencies match evidence with evidence gathered from crimes in other states. [[Continue Reading](#)]

## **CRIMINAL JUSTICE/CORRECTIONS**

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

John Hinckley, who wounded then U.S. President Ronald Reagan and three others in a 1981 assassination attempt, was released without conditions on Wednesday in compliance with a federal judge's order. He had received full-time conditional release in 2016 after 30 years in a psychiatric hospital in Washington and had lived with his mother in Virginia until her death last year. A jury had found him not guilty by reason of insanity in his 1982 trial, prompting Congress and some states to pass laws restricting the use of insanity as a defense. [[Continue Reading](#)]

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

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

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

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

## **US SUPREME COURT**

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

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

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

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

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

15, 2022, 1:53 PM

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

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

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

**ABC: Ahead of Supreme Court decision on abortion, Texas is already a 'post-Roe world,'**

advocates say, Katie Kindelan, June 16, 2022, 5:02 AM

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

## **JUDICIAL NOMINEES & APPOINTMENTS**

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

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

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

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

## **ADMINISTRATION**

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

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

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

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

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## **CONGRESS**

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

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

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

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

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

- The white gunman who killed 10 Black people in a racist attack at a Buffalo supermarket was charged Wednesday with federal hate crimes that could potentially carry a death penalty. The criminal complaint filed Wednesday against Payton Gendron coincided with a visit to Buffalo by Attorney General Merrick Garland. [\[ABC, CBS, NBC\]](#)
- The Federal Reserve intensified its fight against high inflation on Wednesday, raising its key interest rate by three-quarters of a point — the largest bump since 1994 — and signaling more rate hikes ahead as it tries to cool off the U.S. economy without causing a recession. [\[ABC, CBS, NBC, NBC-2\]](#)
- The U.S. announced it will send an additional \$1 billion in military aid to Ukraine, as America and its allies provide longer-range weapons they say can make a difference in a fight where Ukrainian forces are outnumbered and outgunned by their Russian invaders. [\[ABC, CBS, NBC\]](#)
- The Jan. 6 Committee on Wednesday released new footage of a man who on Jan. 6 outside the Capitol made violent verbal threats against top Democratic lawmakers and who the day before had been taken on a tour of House office buildings by Rep. Barry Loudermilk, R-Ga. [\[ABC, CBS, NBC\]](#)
- Rep. Tom Rice was one of ten Republicans who voted to impeach former President Trump after the January 6th insurrection and never wavered from his vote. This cost Rice as he lost his primary to Trump-endorsed candidate state Rep. Russell Fry. [\[NBC\]](#)
- COVID-19 vaccine shots for U.S. infants, toddlers and preschoolers moved a step closer Wednesday. The Food and Drug Administration’s outside vaccine advisers gave a thumbs-up to

Moderna's two-shot vaccine and also to Pfizer-BioNTech's three-shot series for the young age group. [\[ABC\]](#)