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Julie Parker has a unique **media background** having served as both a **TV news reporter**, a **talk show host** and as the **media relations director for two large police departments**, effectively reporting from both sides of the crime tape. She recently left the Fairfax County (VA) Police Department to go into private consulting. Five years ago, she launched Julie Parker Communications, a media relations and crisis communications consultancy. At both the **FCPD and the Prince George's County (MD) Police Department**, Julie led 10 to 15-person media teams that operated like **newsrooms**. Under her leadership, the police media bureaus successfully increased **transparency and improved public trust**. In all of these roles, Parker has drawn heavily upon her experience at WJLA-TV, the ABC affiliate in Washington, DC. In her capacity as a **journalist**, Parker earned both **Emmy and Edward R. Murrow awards**. She was a general assignment **reporter**, covering such stories as the **Beltway Sniper**, the **September 11th attacks** and the **Oscars**, live from Hollywood. She is a regular **guest lecturer** at the **FBI National Academy** and a **subject matter expert** with the **Center for Homeland Defense and Security**, focusing on **crisis communications**,

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Pelosi Says New House Majority Will Act On "Commonsense" Gun Control Reforms.

The [Daily Caller](#) [f](#) [t](#) (12/17, Carr) cites a Politico [story](#) [f](#) [t](#) which reported that House Minority Leader Pelosi said in a statement that Democrats will act "boldly" to pass "commonsense" gun control reforms. Pelosi said, "The new Democratic majority will act boldly and decisively to pass commonsense, life-saving background checks that are overwhelmingly supported by the American people." According to Politico, Democrats "coalesced to create a gun reform proposal that would require federal background checks on all gun sales, including private sales." Rep. Mike Thompson (D-CA), "a Pelosi ally who says a bill for universal background checks will be introduced to Congress in early 2019, is spearheading the measure."

Prison Reform Bill Advances In Senate.

The [AP](#) [f](#) [t](#) (12/18, Freking) reports legislation that would "ease federal sentencing laws for some offenders cleared its first major test vote Monday, garnering overwhelming support in both parties even as some conservatives portrayed the bill as soft on crime." The Senate voted 82-12 to advance the bill, and a vote on final passage is expected "later in the week, but not until the chamber has debated and voted on a series of amendments from opponents that will be brought up Tuesday." The AP says that in order to "win over wary senators, sponsors tweaked the bill to prevent those convicted of violent firearm offenses, sexual exploitation of children and high-level fentanyl and heroin dealing from participating in the supervised release program."

Missouri Lawmaker Wants To Abolish Small Town Police Departments.

The [St. Louis Post-Dispatch](#) [f](#) [t](#) (12/17, Erickson) reports from Jefferson City, Missouri, "Dozens of small town police departments in St. Louis County could be required to merge with other cities or contract with the county police department for services under legislation introduced in the Capitol." Rep. Justin Hill, "a former O'Fallon police officer, wants to force any city with a population of 5,000 or fewer inhabitants, with an area of less than 2 square miles, to disband its police department and contract for law enforcement services with either the county police department or a larger neighboring city. 'We just want to increase professionalism,' Hill told the Post-Dispatch on Monday. 'St. Louis and the region suffer as a whole because of the history of municipalities in St. Louis County.'"






Arkansas Governor Backs Effort To Cut Concealed Gun License Fee.

The [AP](#) [f](#) [t](#) (12/17) reports from Little Rock, Arkansas that Gov. Asa Hutchinson "is backing an effort to cut in half the license fees for carrying a concealed handgun." Hutchinson "says he supports legislation filed on Monday to cut the initial filing fee for a concealed handgun license from \$100 to \$50." The measure "would also cut the license renewal fee from \$50 to \$25." Hutchinson "says he believes the measure strikes the 'right balance' in reducing the fees."

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Portland, Oregon Police Want To Hire Liaison To Homeless Community.



The [Oregonian](#)   (12/17) reports, "Portland police want to hire someone to serve as a link between the bureau and the city's homeless." According to the Oregonian, "The civilian will be asked to develop a plan to guide police responses to the homeless community and help the training division instruct officers on how best to communicate, police and provide services to people living on the streets. 'This position is a critical component to our response to those in the homeless community,' Chief Danielle Outlaw said. 'This person will influence how the Police Bureau responds to people in the homeless community and ensure the Police Bureau is in line with best contemporary policing practices.'"

Albany, Georgia Police Using Community Policing Initiative To Cut Crime.

[WALB-TV](#)   Albany, GA (12/18, Wilson) reports from Albany, Georgia, "Albany Police Chief Michael Persley said tackling crime now and protecting people is his department's number one priority." Police "are pushing the 'Project Safe Neighborhood' initiative now more than ever." The initiative has "been around since 2001 and was revitalized in 2017," and "within the last few months, we're told the Albany Police Department has been trying to implement it heavily." Persley "said that although they've taken proper steps in the right direction to combat crime, more community members are needed to help solve the issue. 'We're not going to use a hammer on every problem, so we're also looking at how can we do other community outreach type issues,' said Persley."

CRIME & DRUGS



Barrio Azteca Seen As Top Texas Gang Threat.

The [Houston Chronicle](#)   (12/17, Gill) reports, "Broken relationships with the Juarez drug cartel, large-scale police investigations and infighting kept El Paso-based gang Barrio Azteca labeled as a 'Tier 2' threat in Texas for a few years with the Bloods and the Aryan Brotherhood of Texas," but "in the most recent threat assessment released by the Texas Department of Public Safety, the gang made a resurgence as one of the top four gang threats in the state, edging out the Latin Kings." According to the Chronicle, "Its new Tier 1 classification is a result of territory expansion, its propensity for violence, evolving relationships with cartels and gangs, drug and weapons smuggling, exploitation of the border and increased police reporting, according to the assessment. Human smuggling also played a role. 'Barrio Azteca maintains a significant presence on both sides of the border as members continue their transnational criminal activities around the El Paso and Juarez corridor, including working with both the Sinaloa Cartel and Juarez Cartel,' according to the assessment."

Pennsylvania Man Resentenced After Appeals Court Strikes Down Initial Internet Ban.

The [Harrisburg \(PA\) Patriot-News](#)   (12/17, Beauge) reports that Brandon Holena, a 32-year-old man from Luzerne County, has been resentenced after the US Third Circuit Court of Appeals ruled his lifetime ban on using computers or cell phones was "too broad and limited First Amendment freedoms" and "draconian." Holena was initially arrested in 2008 after repeatedly using the Internet to solicit sex from someone he believed to be a 14-year-old minor, but who was in actuality a FBI agent.

Feds, Task Force Untangle Large Drug Trafficking Operation.

The [Everett \(WA\) Herald](#)   (12/17, Stevick) reports that the Snohomish Regional Drug Task Force, FBI, and Drug Enforcement Agency successfully untangled an extensive drug trafficking organization leading from Nogales, Mexico, to Snohomish County after two years. Authorities seized "more than 11 pounds of heroin, 13 pounds of methamphetamine, 3.3

pounds of cocaine, 3,000 counterfeit fentanyl-laced pills, and tens of thousands of dollars in suspected drug money” while undercover detectives “bought another five pounds of meth” via routine drug deals. Identifying around 30 suspects over the investigation’s course, law enforcement began making arrests in November, including leaders like Juan Alberto Loya-Ponce and his second-in-command.

Suspicious Packages Sent To Three Baltimore Synagogues.



NBC Nightly News (12/17, story 10, 0:20, Holt) reported that three Baltimore synagogues received “suspicious packages” on Monday. At one of the sites, “where a school is also located, two adults reported feeling ill with nausea and dizziness. Hazmat crews were called to the scene but found no dangerous gases or chemicals.”

The [Baltimore Sun](#)   (12/17, Campbell) reports, “Parents and emergency hazmat crews first responded to a Jewish school after two adults became nauseous upon opening an envelope sent to the synagogue next door, officials said.” The envelope “was sent to Beth El Synagogue, which operates the Pauline Mash School For Early Childhood Education...according to the Baltimore County Fire Department and a school email to parents,” and “in a separate incident an hour later, hazmat crews were called to a synagogue at Mesivta Ne’imus HaTorah, an Orthodox Jewish boy’s school in the 4300 block of Crest Heights Road, for a report of a suspicious package.” The Sun adds, “In the third instance, Baltimore County Police responded to the Har Sinai Congregation located in the 2900 block of Walnut Avenue for a suspicious envelope.” According to the Sun, “Dave Fitz, spokesman for the Baltimore field office of the FBI, said the agency is monitoring the situation, but he declined to share any further details.”

TECHNOLOGY

London Police Test Facial Recognition Technology.

The [Telegraph \(UK\)](#)   (12/17, Wright) reports, “Facial recognition software was trialed on Monday in central London for the first time amid soaring crime in the capital.” According to the Telegraph, “The Metropolitan Police deployed the technology in Soho, Piccadilly Circus and Leicester Square looking for suspects wanted by the force or the courts.” The Telegraph adds, “The operation was conducted in a visible fashion with uniformed as well as plain-clothed police officers present and posters informing the public what was happening.” Ivan Balhatchet, “the Met Police’s strategic lead for live facial technology, said: ‘The Met is currently developing the use of live facial recognition technology and we have committed to ten trials during the coming months. We are now coming to the end of our trials when a full evaluation will be completed.’”

[Ars Technica](#)   (12/17) reports, “This trial marks the seventh such trial in London since 2016,” and “in addition to the December 17-18 tests, authorities have said there will be three more tests that have yet to be scheduled.” Ars Technica adds, “According to the police, these trials, which ‘will be used overtly with a clear uniformed presence and information leaflets will be disseminated to the public,’ are set to take place specifically in the vicinity of Soho, Piccadilly Circus, and Leicester Square.”

MONDAY’S LEAD STORIES

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POLICING & POLICY

Sudbury, Canada Police Launch Campaign To Check For Drivers' Alcohol, Cannabis Use.

[CBC \(CAN\)](#) (11/29, Sasitharan) reports, "Sudbury police launched their festive ride check campaign on Wednesday and this year, police will be tasked with also checking for cannabis use or consumption." According to CBC, "During the Christmas season, the police increase the number of R.I.D.E. checks they conduct around the region," and "now, they've expanded their scope to check for those driving under the influence of drugs – whether that be smoked or as edibles." CBC adds, "Sergeant Tim Burt of the Traffic Management unit of the Greater Sudbury Police says while the formatting of the R.I.D.E. checks hasn't changed now that they are checking for cannabis use, there are more tests involved. 'What we do now is the same thing: line of question, observations. All the stuff that we would,' says Sgt. Brutt. 'If we believe someone might be under the influence of a drug, we then make the next step to our standardized field sobriety technician.'"

Scotland Yard Mulls Armed Foot Patrols To Tackle Gang Violence.

The [Daily Mail \(UK\)](#) (11/29) reports, "The Met Police is considering sending out armed foot patrols around crime hotspots in London to battle gang violence." Scotland Yard commissioner Cressida Dick "said the 'extreme circumstances' would be a reaction to 'serious outbreaks of violence'." The Daily Mail adds, "Patrols would be made up of officers currently serving in armed response vehicles that provide support to neighbourhood teams in the capital and can be deployed at any time." According to the Daily Mail, "Speaking at the London Assembly police and crime committee, Ms Dick said it would only be a small change to the roles armed officers currently play," and "she said: 'We are not doing this by stealth. It would only be done in unusual circumstances.'"

Elgin, Illinois Crisis Team Aimed At Helping Residents With Mental Health Issues.



The [Elgin \(IL\) Courier News](#) (11/29, McDaniel-Hale) reports, "A 33 percent increase in suicide calls has prompted Elgin Police Chief Ana Lalley to propose a specially-trained team of police officers to help residents with mental health issues." Lalley "outlined the proposal for a Police Crisis Intervention Team, whose members would need 40 hours of extensive training, at a recent city council meeting," and "she also is recommending that all officers get additional training by June." Elgin City Manager Rick Kozal, "responding to her tally of 749 mental health calls to date this year, said there are never enough services for those in need. 'This team will be a starting point to help get people what they need. Issues that people most often face are homelessness and substance abuse problems,' Lalley said, adding that those asking for help will be connected with local service providers."

DC Nears Passage Of Law Allowing Temporary Seizure Of Guns.





The [AP](#) (11/29) reports, "A measure that would allow law enforcement to temporarily seize guns from people deemed to be in crisis is heading to the Washington, D.C., City Council for a vote." The City Council's Judiciary and Public Safety Committee "unanimously voted Wednesday to pass the measure," and "the full council is expected to vote next week." The measure "would allow the court to remove firearms from a person's possession if there is a significant risk the person may harm someone."

CRIME & DRUGS



FBI: Convicted Killer Confessed To 90 Murders In Exchange For Prison Transfer.

[USA Today](#)   (11/29, Molina) reports that the FBI “said Samuel Little, convicted in 2014 of three killings, confessed to 90 murders dating back to 1970 in exchange for moving to a new prison.” Authorities “have corroborated 34 of the killings with several others awaiting confirmation, according to a statement from the FBI. If all his confessions are confirmed, he could be among the most prolific serial killers in U.S. history. ‘Law enforcement has only recently begun unraveling the true extent of his crimes,’ said the FBI’s statement.” The FBI “is working with Texas Rangers, the Department of Justice, and multiple state and local law enforcement agencies to corroborate Little’s confessions.” Little, 78, “was arrested in 2012 in a shelter in Kentucky, then extradited to California on a narcotics charge,” and “Los Angeles police obtained a DNA match to Little on three unsolved murders in the area in 1987 and 1989 and was charged with three counts of murder.”

The [AP](#)   (11/29, Warren) reports, “The FBI said in a statement Tuesday that Samuel Little offered the deal in exchange for being moved from California State Prison in Los Angeles County, but it didn’t say why he requested the transfer, where he asked to go or whether his offer was accepted.” The FBI “did say that Little, in poor health and reliant on a wheelchair, will likely stay in jail until his death in Texas, where he was brought in September to face charges in the 1994 killing of a woman in Odessa.” Little “is awaiting trial after being convicted in 2014 of killing three people in California in the 1980s. He’s serving three consecutive life sentences for those crimes.”

[ABC News](#)   (11/29, Hutchinson) reports that Little, “a former boxer from Ohio, has freely shared names of his victims, places, and details of how they died, according to authorities.” The [Dallas Morning News](#)   (11/29, Cardona) reports, “So far, authorities have tied Little to 34 of the slayings her confessed to.” Little, “whose health is declining, will likely die in Texas, the FBI said in a written statement Tuesday. ‘The goal now is to identify his victims and provide closure and justice in unsolved cases,’ the agency said.”



FBI, Police Arrest Man In Alleged Murder Plot In California.

The [Fresno \(CA\) Bee](#)   (11/29, Guy) reports, “Fresno police and FBI officers on Thursday arrested a man on a federal charge of conspiracy to commit murder after a police vehicle collided with the suspect’s truck in central Fresno.” The suspect was identified as Jorge Jaso, 26. Lt. Mark Hudson “said police MAGEC gang officers and the FBI agents were conducting surveillance near Ashlan Avenue and Highway 41 when Jaso was seen driving away in a white pickup truck.” Officers found a semi-automatic assault rifle in the truck “and one of the three people inside the vehicle with Jaso was carrying a handgun, Hudson said.”



Thieves Steal Renoir Painting Ahead Of Auction In Austria.

[CNN](#)   (11/29, Kolirin) reports, “Police in Austria are searching for three men in connection with the theft of a landscape painting by French impressionist Pierre-Auguste Renoir.” According to CNN, “The suspects are believed to have brazenly stolen ‘Golfe, mer, falaises vertes’ – or ‘Bay, Sea, Green Cliffs’ – from Vienna’s Dorotheum auction house, which was open to visitors at the time.” CNN adds, “The lesser-known landscape – valued at up to €160,000 (around \$181,000) – is thought to have been cut from its frame late on Monday, ahead of its planned sale at the Dorotheum Wednesday, the city’s police force told Reuters.” Patrick Maierhofer, a spokesman for the Vienna police, told CNN “that investigators were now in contact with international police forces.” The FBI “established the Top Ten Art Crimes list in 2005,” and “since then, six paintings and one sculpture have been recovered.”

US Drug Trafficking Business Contributing To Rising Knife Crimes.

[Fox News](#)   (11/29, Sang) reports, “An epidemic of knife attacks is overwhelming police forces across the United Kingdom, and a \$3.8 million-a-day drug trafficking business is partially responsible for the rising crime rate, a new report says.” According to Fox News, “An investigation by Sky News published Thursday into the drug business in the U.K. shows dealers are operating upwards of 2,000 ‘county lines’ – when gangs and organized crime networks exploit children to sell drugs – from big cities like London or Manchester into small towns and the countryside.” The report “said wholesale drug dealers are arming children as young as 12 years old with knives in order to move hard drugs like cocaine in their communities. ‘The younger, the better,’ one drug dealer told Sky News. ‘They need money, mummy and daddy ain’t got no money. So they come to uncle.’”

Police Say New Jersey-Based Dealers Sold Up To 1,000 Bags Of Heroin A Day In Pennsylvania.






The [Times of Trenton \(NJ\)](#)   (11/29) reports, “Authorities in Pennsylvania unveiled a drug operation Thursday they say was based in Trenton, but sold mainly to addicts and drug resellers across the Delaware River in lower Bucks County.” According to

the Times, "Detectives from four lower Bucks police departments found the effort put 500 to 1,000 bags of heroin into customers' hand per day, the Bucks County District Attorney's Office announced." Investigators "started looking into an operation headed by Cornelius Bell, 28, in March, and made numerous controlled purchases of drugs from him and his alleged associates," and "the buys totaled four 'bricks' of heroin – each containing approximately 50 bags – that were labeled 'Tom Brady.'" Bell "and his alleged partner, Jalmed P. Marks, 27, were arrested earlier this month in Falls Township."

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Suffolk County, New York Police Campaign Aims To Attract Minority Officers.

[Newsday \(NY\)](#)   (11/29, O'Keeffe) reports, "Suffolk police will soon unleash a \$215,000 marketing blitz intended to persuade Hispanics and others in the county's minority communities to take the department's spring entrance exam." Suffolk County Executive Steve Bellone and Police Commissioner Geraldine Hart "said the marketing campaign, scheduled to begin after Christmas, is part of a broader effort to improve services to Suffolk's minority residents. 'Our goal is to get as many people as possible taking the test from as diverse a group as possible,' Bellone said in an interview Thursday. 'We want to make sure we continue to move toward a police department that fully reflects the diversity of our county because we understand a police force that is fully reflective of the people it serves is more effective.'"

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Ms. **Jamie Roush** is the **Chief Executive Officer of CRH Crime Analysis Consulting, Inc.**, a partnership corporation which consults for law enforcement agencies on technology, data, analysis and its use in law enforcement operations. She has over 15 years of collective law enforcement experience including a ten-plus year career with the Jacksonville (FL) Sheriff's Office commencing as the **Crime Analysis Unit Manager** where she commanded a unit of 20 public safety/crime analysts and supervisors. Ms. Roush is a recognized **leader in the field of crime and intelligence analysis**, serving as consultant for organizations supporting numerous federal law enforcement programs. She is a frequent speaker at law enforcement conferences and an author in law enforcement publications on crime analysis. She is a member of the George Mason University **Evidence-Based Policing Hall of Fame** for her

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Citing a [report](#)   on CNN's website, the [Washington Examiner](#)   (11/28, Lim) says the Administration "is expected to announce in the coming days its highly anticipated federal rule banning bump stocks." Under the proposed rule, "the definition of 'machine gun' would be expanded to include bump stocks, effectively outlawing them." It would "require bump stock owners to destroy or surrender their devices within 90 days."

High Court Appears Ready To Back Owner Of Seized Land Rover In Case On Excessive Fines.

The [New York Times](#)   (11/28, Liptak) reports that Indiana Solicitor General Thomas M. Fisher "faced unusually intense skepticism from the Supreme Court on Wednesday when he argued that the Constitution had nothing to say about civil forfeiture laws that allow states and localities to take and keep private property used to commit crimes." The case "concerned a Land Rover seized from a small-time drug offender." Fisher "defended that action and went further, saying local law enforcement officials were free to take all kinds of property used to commit even the most trivial offenses." Justice Stephen Breyer "asked whether officials could take the vehicles of drivers caught exceeding the speed limit by five miles per hour," and Fisher "said there would be no constitutional problem with a state law authorizing such seizures," an answer that "did not seem to satisfy the justices."

The [Washington Post](#)   (11/28, Barnes) reports that the question "of whether the Constitution's prohibition on excessive fines applies to state and local governments seemed to strike the Supreme Court Wednesday as something of a constitutional no-brainer. 'Here we are in 2018 still litigating incorporation of the Bill of Rights,' said Justice Neil M. Gorsuch, referring to the judicial process of ensuring fundamental rights are protected against actions of the states," and after Fisher "hedged, Gorsuch seemed incredulous. 'Really? C'mon, general,' he said." The court "seemed more than ready to rule for Tyson Timbs of Marion, Ind., who had his \$42,000 Land Rover seized after he was arrested for selling a couple hundred dollars worth of heroin." The ruling "would also reinforce efforts to limit civil forfeitures, which critics say empower localities and law enforcement to seize property of someone suspected of a crime as a revenue stream."



Florida Judge Rules State Lacks Uniformity With Red-Light Cameras.



The [Miami Herald](#)   (11/28, Ovalle) reports, "In Aventura, you'll get a ticket if a traffic camera catches you turning on a red light at 15 miles per hour. In Key Biscayne, the threshold is 25 miles per hour. Over in West Miami, you'll get cited if you turn at only 10 miles per hour." According to the Herald, "That lack of uniformity from city to city violates state law, a Miami judge said this week, a ruling that potentially could lead to the dismissal of thousands of traffic citations and more legal battles over the validity of Florida's deeply unpopular red-light camera programs. 'How is a driver to know that the guidelines of the [red-light camera programs] vary from municipality to municipality?' Miami-Dade Judge Steven Leifman wrote in his 8-page order ruling against the city of Aventura and its red-light program." The attorney "who represented the driver in the case believes the judge's decision will be upheld in higher court, producing big ripple effects in the on-going controversy over red-light cameras. 'The ruling will affect every single one of the citations that are issued right now, or have been issued in the last couple years,' said Louis Arslanian, of Miami's Ticket Clinic firm."



CRIME & DRUGS



FBI: Body Found Is That Of Missing North Carolina Girl.



ABC World News Tonight (11/28, story 2, 1:50, Muir) reported on "the urgent hunt now for a killer in North Carolina tonight, linked to a three-week mystery," with "the FBI just today confirming a grim discovery, identifying the body of a young girl kidnapped in front of her home while waiting to go to school." ABC (Osunsami) added, "North Carolina investigators in rural Robeson county are now looking for a killer," as "after a three-week search, the body they found off this lonely road is this 13-year-old middle school student." Hania Aguilar "was kidnapped from the front yard of her home while waiting to go to school on November 5th," and police "believe she was forced into" a stolen SUV. Police "found the SUV abandoned three days later, and found the girl's body last night in a body of water about seven miles from her home."



The AP   (11/29) reports, "Lumberton Police Chief Michael McNeill told reporters at a news conference that state crime lab tests indicate the body found late Tuesday is Hania Aguilar," and "while a final determination will be made with dental records, investigators believe the body is hers. 'This is the outcome that we all feared,' he said. 'We did not want to hear this. We wanted to bring Hania back home and bring her back home alive to our community. It hurts.'" The AP adds, "The cause of death hasn't been released, pending an autopsy," and "investigators would not describe the condition of the body." An FBI official "said he did not have any information as to whether Hania was killed where she was found or elsewhere."



The Raleigh (NC) News & Observer   (11/28, Bennett) reports, "The FBI said it has no persons of interest 'at this time' and no arrests had been made in the case as of Wednesday afternoon." The FBI "said her body was 'not obvious' and the area it was found 'cannot be seen from the road.'" The News & Observer adds, "The FBI and police had asked the public for any surveillance video or photos from the area last week, and they had looked in the area by air and on foot previously."





The Robesonian (NC)   (11/28, Hunter) reports that "law enforcement is saying they are more determined than ever to bring her killer to justice. 'The Lumberton Police Department and the FBI received notification late this afternoon from the North Carolina Medical Examiner's Office that a body found yesterday is believed to be Hania Aguilar. A final confirmation will be done with an official dental record comparison,' an FBI news release reads in part."

CBS News   (11/28) reports that Chief McNeill "has previously said that a witness saw a man dressed in black with a yellow bandanna grab Hania in the Rosewood Mobile Home Park in Lumberton." Police "say the eighth grader had taken her aunt's keys to start the vehicle to prepare to leave for the bus stop," and that "the man forced her into the green Ford Expedition and drove off." The FBI "soon joined the search, offering reward money and transmitting her picture around the country."



NBC News   (11/28, Helsel) reports that FBI Supervisory Senior Resident Agent Andy de la Rocha said "there was evidence at the scene as well as tips that have been called in and other evidence previously released. 'To include what we have found last evening, all of it is going to help us piece together what happened to Hania,' he said."

WTVD-TV   Raleigh-Durham, NC (11/28) reports, "The FBI did not release any information about whether she may have been killed where the body was found or somewhere else. 'We need the public's help to determine when and how the body was placed on Wire Grass Road in Robeson County,' de la Rocha said. 'If you have surveillance cameras near Wire Grass Road, call the tip line at (910) 272-5871.'"



The Raleigh (NC) News & Observer   (11/28, Duncan) reports, "In North Carolina, at least 47 children who went missing have not been found after a year, according to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children. In South Carolina, that number is 34."

Also reporting on their websites are WFMY-TV  Greensboro, NC (11/27, Hodgin), WFAE-FM  Charlotte, NC (11/28, WFAE), WLOS-TV  Asheville, NC (11/28, Caviness), and WCIV-TV  Charleston, SC (11/28, Thomas, Brown).



Sixteen US Postal Workers Sentenced To Taking Bribes To Deliver Cocaine In Atlanta Area.

The Atlanta Journal-Constitution   (11/28, Habersham) reports, "Sixteen U.S. Postal Services workers in metro Atlanta were sentenced to federal prison for accepting bribes, some as low as \$250, to deliver cocaine, The U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Georgia said in a news release Tuesday." Those convicted "each received sentences between three and nine years, federal officials said." The AJC adds, "Federal agents first learned of the crimes in 2015 while investigating a drug trafficking organization in Atlanta, according to the release." Drug traffickers "bribed the postal workers to deliver the drugs because they believed they were less likely to be caught by law enforcement officials." Federal agents "posed as drug traffickers looking for postal employees delivering packages of cocaine in exchange for money while law enforcement officials recorded the interactions."



FBI Task Force Seeks Information On Idaho Fugitive.

The [Coeur d'Alene \(ID\) Press](#)   (11/28) reports, "The North Idaho Violent Crimes Task Force is seeking information leading to the apprehension of Jerome David Leen-Whitewater," who "was indicted on three counts of assault with a deadly weapon, assault resulting in serious bodily injury and burglary." Leen-Whitewater, 33, "is a Native American male" who "has recently resided in Priest River, but moved to Boise following an assault on the Coeur d'Alene Indian Reservation. He is suspected of being back in the Coeur d'Alene area."

Bail Revoked For Subject Of FBI Manhunt.

The [York County \(ME\) Journal-Tribune](#)   (11/28, Wells) reports from Portland, Maine, "A local man wanted by the FBI who was captured outside a Springvale convenience store earlier this month will remain in federal custody until his trial on a federal drug charge." US Magistrate Judge John H. Rich "revoked bail for Joshua Patrick Weldon, 26, and ordered that he be detained in federal custody until his trial on a charge of conspiracy to distribute more than 40 grams of fentanyl." The case "had been scheduled for trial in December, but has been rescheduled for January," and jury selection "is set to begin Jan. 7, court documents show." The FBI "said Weldon failed to live up to the terms of his release when he didn't show up at a sober house on Oct. 24 or to an appointment at the U.S. Probation Office on Oct. 25."



Nineteen Arrested In New Jersey Gang Bust.

The [Gloucester Township \(NJ\) Patch](#)   (11/28) reports from Camden, New Jersey, "A total of 19 people have been charged as part of a violent drug gang that sold a large amount of illegal drugs in South Jersey, U.S. Attorney Craig Carpenito announced on Wednesday," and "there were at least two fatal overdoses connected to the heroin sold as part of this conspiracy, authorities said." The Patch adds, "In all, at least 280 grams of cocaine base, at least one kilogram of heroin, and other quantities of cocaine and fentanyl were sold as part of the conspiracy, which operated out of Camden." According to the Patch, "Ten of those people were arrested as a part of a joint operation between federal and state law enforcement agencies, while eight remain at large, authorities said."

Man Who Bit UK Police Officer Is First Person Jailed Under New Law To Protect Emergency Workers.

The [Telegraph \(UK\)](#)   (11/28) reports, "A landscape gardener who bit a police officer has become the first person to be jailed under new laws to protect emergency workers." Daniel Hilton, 27, "attacked Pc Campbell Ditty as he was placed under arrest for assaulting his mother at knifepoint during an episode of paranoid 'substance misuse psychosis' on November 24." The Telegraph adds, "Hilton, of Leigh, Greater Manchester, was charged with a common assault offence under the new Assaults on Emergency Workers (Offences) Act 2018 which came into force on November 13." On Tuesday "he pleaded guilty and was jailed for 12 weeks when he appeared before magistrates in Manchester." According to the Telegraph, "Under the new laws attackers convicted of the offence face a maximum of 12 months behind bars instead of six." The law "covers police, prison officers, custody officers, fire service personnel, search and rescue services and paramedics."

Officers Find Drugs, Weapons During Georgia Traffic Stop.

The [Atlanta Journal-Constitution](#)   (11/28, Brasch) reports, "Two men were arrested early Tuesday after Cobb County police say officers found enough drugs and money and weapons in a speeding car to accuse the men as drug dealers." Darien Knight, 24, "was driving a 2010 Audi A4 at 91 mph on a 55 mph stretch of Dallas Highway just after midnight. Riding along with the Powder Springs man was 25-year-old Ian Copeland of Dallas." According to the Journal-Constitution, "Sgt. Wayne Delk, spokesman for Cobb police, said an officer saw 'some illegal narcotics' in Knight's lap during the traffic stop." Officers "kept looking and, according to a police warrant, allegedly found" various drugs and weapons.

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Report Finds Use Of Facial Recognition Technology In UK Needs “Considerable Investment.”

[BBC News Online \(UK\)](#) [!\[\]\(de95854c7ee024cfadc48187bbb781b2_img.jpg\)](#) [!\[\]\(cef08d8c15d8a8acd5e25ab0d65432c3_img.jpg\)](#) (11/28) reports that “considerable investment” is needed “to get consistency from the police’s use of facial recognition, according to a Cardiff University study.” South Wales Police “has used automated facial recognition (AFR) technology at several events in Cardiff since the Champions League final in June 2017.” The study “found the accuracy of AFR has improved since its introduction, but does worsen in bad light or big crowds.” The technology “compares scans of faces with online databases in order to identify possible people of interest to police.” It “was first used in the city centre at the Champions League final in June 2017, but it led to more than 2,000 people being wrongly matched with possible criminals.”

ALSO IN THE NEWS

Massachusetts’ Effort To Track Hate Crime Is Commended.

In an editorial, the [Newburyport \(MA\) Daily News](#) [!\[\]\(c50c8b7b2cc2cf9ff925edec0ee94c0d_img.jpg\)](#) [!\[\]\(8bed43dc33ecdde61e2f76c8f5517125_img.jpg\)](#) (11/28) notes that “one year ago this month, Gov. Charlie Baker reconstituted the Hate Crimes Task Force, which was disbanded in 2003 when Gov. Mitt Romney vetoed \$100,000 in state funds for the panel,” and “the task force of representatives from law enforcement, universities, religious and advocacy groups held a series of ‘listening sessions’ around the state.” The task force’s work “led to a recommendation by Baker this week that all police departments in Massachusetts name at least one officer to serve as point person for hate crime reports,” and Baker “also recommended those designated officers report any criminal act that appears to be motivated by bias to a new website being developed by the state Executive Office of Public Safety.” The Daily News argues, “Such sharing among police and the public is commendable,” as “one of the surest ways to address hate-motivated crimes is to drag them out into the open.”

WEDNESDAY'S LEAD STORIES

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- [Body Found In Search For Missing North Carolina Girl.](#)
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POLICING & POLICY

In "Last-Minute Act," Sessions Limits Use Of Consent Decrees To Address Police Abuses.

In what the [New York Times](#) [f](#) [t](#) (11/8, Benner) describes as "a major last-minute act," former Attorney General Sessions "drastically limited the ability of federal law enforcement officials to use court-enforced agreements to overhaul local police departments accused of abuses and civil rights violations, the Justice Department announced late on Thursday." The Times says before "President Trump fired him" Wednesday, Sessions signed a memorandum "sharply curtailing the use of so-called consent decrees, court-approved deals between the Justice Department and local governments that create a road map of changes for law enforcement and other institutions."

Canada Allocating Millions To Fight Gun Smuggling, Violence.

The [Globe and Mail \(CAN\)](#) [f](#) [t](#) (11/8, White) reports that the Canadian federal government "is dedicating \$86-million over the next five years to detection dogs, X-ray technology, ballistics testing and other measures to stifle rising gun violence." Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale "said the funding, announced on Thursday, is part of a \$327.6-million commitment the government made last year to combat gun and gang violence." An additional \$200 million "is being made available to provinces and territories to finance community guns and gangs programs." The Globe and Mail adds, "The lion's share of the \$86-million will go toward keeping illegal guns from crossing the border, a major source of firearms that end up in criminal possession."

New Jersey Outlaws Four Types Of New-Age Firearms.







The [North Jersey \(NJ\) Media Group](#) [f](#) [t](#) (11/8, Pugliese) reports, "New Jersey on Thursday outlawed four types of new-age firearms designed to evade detection by law enforcement and sidestep regulations. Some can even be sneaked into places like airports without setting off metal detectors." New Jersey Gov. Phil Murphy "signed a bill that he said would close a 'dangerous loophole' in existing law and strengthen law enforcement's hand in prosecuting people who sell or possess the weapons in New Jersey. 'We dedicate today and all of our efforts going forward to the simple and common-sense premise that mass murder is not the price we have to pay for the Second Amendment,' Murphy said, flanked by Attorney General Gurbir Grewal and Sen. Joe Cryan, D-Union, a sponsor of the legislation."

CRIME & DRUGS





Afghanistan Veteran Kills 12 In California Bar Before Killing Himself.

All three broadcast networks devoted significant time on their Thursday evening newscasts to the mass shooting at a bar in Thousand Oaks, California, where a 28-year-old Marine veteran who served in Afghanistan killed 12 people before killing himself. On Thursday morning, President Trump [tweeted](#) [f](#) [t](#), "I have been fully briefed on the terrible shooting in California. Law Enforcement and First Responders, together with the FBI, are on scene. 13 people, at this time, have been reported dead. Likewise, the shooter is dead, along with the first police officer to enter the bar." The President then [tweeted](#) [f](#) [t](#), "Great bravery shown by police. California Highway Patrol was on scene within 3 minutes, with first officer to enter shot numerous times. That Sheriff's Sergeant died in the hospital. God bless all of the victims and families of the victims. Thank you to Law Enforcement."

David Muir opened [ABC World News Tonight](#) (11/8, lead story, 4:00) by saying, "You probably woke up this morning like so many in this country, saying, 'not again.' We are here in Thousand Oaks, California, the scene of the nation's newest mass shooting. ... The shots ringing out, people hiding wherever they could...carrying the injured as they ran. Police rushing to the scene, heavily armed officers, including a police sergeant who was among the first to go in. That sheriff's sergeant did not survive." Lester Holt opened [NBC Nightly News](#) (11/8, lead story, 1:30) with a similar tone, saying, "America, here we are again, seeking answers to the same old questions after lives are stolen in another senseless rampage. ... Families once again grieving the sudden, unimaginable loss of their loved ones, and before we get to anything else, we want you to hear from a father in the kind of gut-wrenching anguish no parent should ever know." On the [CBS Evening News](#) (11/8, lead story, 4:00), Jeff Glor reported, "The shooter was a Marine combat veteran who is believed to have killed himself after taking 12 lives."







The [Los Angeles Times](#)   (11/8, Greene) reports that the gunman, Ian David Long, was "a former U.S. Marine machine gunner who may have suffered from post-traumatic stress disorder." He entered the Borderline Bar and Grill, "tossed a smoke bomb into the crowd and opened fire; authorities said." The bar "was hosting line-dancing lessons for college students as young as 18 on Wednesday night. Crowds of young people, including parties for two women celebrating their 21st birthdays, were drinking and dancing when the crack of gunfire echoed through the cavernous room about 11:20 p.m." The [Thousand Oaks \(CA\) Acorn](#)   (11/8, Jorrey) reports that "an estimated 175 people" were inside the bar, "including students from surrounding colleges Cal Lutheran University, Pepperdine University, Cal State Channel Islands and Moorpark College." The [Malibu \(CA\) Times](#)   (11/8, Shivani Patel /, Writer) reports that Long's gun, "legally purchased, was identified as a .45-caliber Glock 21 designed in California to hold 10 rounds. The gunman had illegally purchased and added an extended magazine for more rounds."

Ex-New York AG Schneiderman Will Not Face Criminal Charges Over Alleged Abuse.

[WGRZ-TV](#)   Buffalo, NY (11/8, Campbell) reports on its website that former New York Attorney General Eric Schneiderman "will not face criminal charges for allegedly abusing multiple women he was romantically involved with." Nassau County District Attorney Madeline Singas said in announcing her decision that "she believed the accusers but that 'legal impediments,' including the statute of limitations and language in state law, prevented charges." The [New York Times](#)   (11/8, Feuer) reports that Singas said she had "proposed a new state law that would protect victims of sexually motivated violence by making it illegal to hit, shove, slap or kick someone without their consent for 'the purpose of sexual arousal or gratification.'"

SUV Found, Surveillance Video Released In North Carolina Teen Abduction Case.



Linsey Davis on [ABC World News Tonight](#) (11/8, story 8, 1:00, Muir) reported, "Tonight, police say the stolen SUV used to kidnap 13-year-old Hania Aguilar found abandoned, nine miles away from her mobile home in Lumberton, North Carolina." Investigators "now searching the SUV for possible DNA, and police are asking for the public's help identifying this man, spotted walking toward the girl's home shortly before she vanished from her front yard as she waited to go to school." Police "say a witness told them a man wearing all black, with a yellow bandana, forced the girl into her family's green SUV and drove away." The FBI "is not calling the man in the video a person of interest, but they do say they want to talk to him."

[Robesonian \(NC\)](#)   (11/8) reports that "the videos collected by investigators show what appears to be a man wearing light-colored shoes, a light-colored shirt, and a hoodie walking down Lambeth Street and then turning left on Elizabethtown Road and waking toward Rosewood Mobile Home Park, where Hania Noelia Aguilar was kidnapped as she waited for her ride to Lumberton Junior High School." The FBI "has released the video and it can be viewed at www.fbi.gov." The man in the video "is not being called a suspect, nor a person of interest, said C. Andrew de la Rocha, a FBI supervisory senior resident agent." De la Rocha added, "He's just someone we want to speak with." [WCIV-TV](#)   Charleston, SC (11/8, Thomas) reports de la Rocha said Thursday in a news conference, "If you are this individual (in the surveillance video), please call the tip line and speak with investigators. Your assistance may help us in finding Hania." FBI-Charlotte spokesperson Shelley Lynch also is quoted saying, "They were in the area and may know something that can help us find Hania." [WFMY-TV](#)   Greensboro, NC (11/8) reports that "investigators said several vehicles were seen on the video driving by the man who was walking on the morning of November 5."

Investigators Use Helicopter To Search For Clues In Missing Wisconsin Teen Case.

[WBAY-TV](#)   Green Bay, WI (11/8) reports, "Investigators in the Jayme Closs disappearance went up in a helicopter Thursday to look for possible changes to an area that was searched last month." Jayme Closs, 13, "has been missing since Oct. 15," when "investigators believe she was abducted after her parents, James and Denise, were shot and killed in their Barron home." Officials "say the search is not based on new tips." The FBI and Wisconsin Department of Justice Division of Criminal



Investigation “continue to assist Barron County with the investigation.”

[Newsweek](#)   (11/8, Fink) adds that “officers used a helicopter to take a second look at the area that volunteers previously searched on foot. Given that the leaves had fallen, Barron County Sheriff Chris Fitzgerald explained that the search was meant to identify any changes on the ground.” Barron County Sheriff Chris Fitzgerald “remained optimistic that the key to the case was still out there.”



Probe Follows Port Of Genoa Heroin Discovery.

[Reuters](#)   (11/8, Balmer) reports a police statement said officers in Italy recently tracked a small portion of a 600-pound heroin shipment to a town in the Netherlands. The statement said an investigation that began after the heroin was discovered, hidden in a container aboard a ship which sailed from Iran, “continues in order to trace the entire network that manages the drug trade.” The statement added that the probe “shows...the port of Genoa is an important crossroads for drug shipments destined for the rest of Europe.” The [AP](#)   (11/8) also covers this story.

Canada Runs Low On Legal Marijuana Just Weeks After Its Approval.

The [New York Times](#)   (11/7, Bilefsky) reports from Montreal, “Canada is running low on legal pot three weeks after the government approved the use of recreational marijuana, a shortage that is sending some frustrated consumers back to the black market.” According to the Times, “At least three provinces – Ontario, Quebec and New Brunswick – are facing a dearth of legal marijuana and two of them have seen outlets selling cannabis temporarily shut down for lack of supply.”






Cannabis Seizures Double In A Year As Critics Say Drug Is Flooding Into UK Because It Is “Effectively Decriminalised”

[Telegraph \(UK\)](#)   (11/8, Hymas, Johnson) reports, “Cannabis seizures have more than doubled in a year amid claims that the drug is flooding into UK because it has effectively been decriminalised, official figures revealed today. Seizures of herbal cannabis rose by 142 percent to 28.6 tonnes last year, cannabis resin seizures were up by 33 percent to almost eight tonnes and plant seizures rose by 10 percent to 352,000.”

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First Responders Share Mental Health Struggles To Help Others.

[WRC-TV](#)   Washington (11/7, Gentzler, Fantis) reports, “Suicide claims more police and firefighter lives than any of the dangers they face on the job, which is why a Virginia police department is using a video featuring first responders sharing their stories to help others.” According to WRC-TV, “Fairfax County police Officer Meg Hawkins has been in law enforcement, which helped her realize something was wrong with her husband, Eric Provow. ‘But I saw the change in him,’ she said. ‘His eyes changed, his body changed, his voice changed.’” WRC-TV adds, “A combat veteran in Afghanistan, Provow started having flashbacks, nightmares and trouble sleeping but never reached out for help,” and “he said he suffered for almost a decade and began a second career as a Fairfax County firefighter after retiring from the military. Then came the moment that changed his life.” Fairfax County Police Chief Ed Roessler “has been candid about the topic, too. ‘I see a counselor,’ he said. ‘I’m a human being. This profession and life in general is something that complicates our day-to-day decision-making. Unfortunately, as first responders, we are seeing horrific scenes over and over again, and also dealing with the stress of people who are just having

the worst day of their lives.”

TECHNOLOGY

Amazon Tells Employees It Will Continue To Sell Facial Recognition Software To Law Enforcement.

[The Verge](#)   (11/8, Statt) reports, “Amazon has come under fire of late for the licensing of its controversial Rekognition system, a powerful piece of facial recognition software, to government and law enforcement agencies, with the most recent development involving revelations that Amazon met with US Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) over the summer to strike a deal for Rekognition use,” and “now, Amazon employees are grilling the company’s leadership over the selling of such technology, especially when it could be used to track human beings and send them back into potentially dangerous ¹ environments overseas.” Amazon Web Services CEO Andrew Jassy “told employees at an all-hands meeting today that, ‘We feel really great and really strongly about the value that Amazon Rekognition is providing our customers of all sizes and all types of industries in law enforcement and out of law enforcement,’ according to an Amazon employee.”

Dutch Police Decrypt Messages After Breaking IronChat Crypto App.

[Ars Technica](#)   (11/7) reports, “Police in the Netherlands said they decrypted more than 258,000 messages sent using IronChat, an app billed as providing end-to-end encryption that was endorsed by National Security Agency leaker Edward Snowden.” Ars Technica adds, “In a statement published Tuesday, Dutch police said officers achieved a ‘breakthrough in the interception and decryption of encrypted communication’ in an investigation into money laundering.” The encrypted messages, according to the statement, “were sent by IronChat, an app that runs on a device that cost thousands of dollars and could send only text messages. ‘Criminals thought they could safely communicate with so-called crypto phones which used the application IronChat,’ Tuesday’s statement said. ‘Police experts in the east of the Netherlands have succeeded in gaining access to this communication. As a result, the police have been able to watch live the communication between criminals for some time.’”

THURSDAY'S LEAD STORIES

- [Gallup Poll: Americans Less Likely To Say Crime Is A National Problem.](#)
- [Authorities Release New Images, 911 Call In North Carolina Teen Abduction Case.](#)
- [License Plate Readers Help Law Enforcement Authorities Solve Crimes.](#)
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Greetings Jody Kasper

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POLICING & POLICY

US Looks To Other Nations For Security Guidance.

[USA Today](#)   (11/10, Hjelmgaard) reports, "Security experts agree that the menace from terrorism, hate crimes and other forms of extreme violence can't be fully eradicated any more than the threat from, say, armed robbery," as "vulnerability is hard-wired into the human experience," but "the attack on the dance floor of a California nightclub late Wednesday that left 13 dead, the 11 worshippers killed by a gunman Oct. 27 at a Pittsburgh synagogue and the Oct. 26 pipe bomb suspect's arrest for targeting prominent Democrats – raise profound questions about what if anything can be learned from other countries used to dealing with radical domestic terror and violence." USA Today adds, "Ophir Revach, the CEO of a security center attached to the European Jewish Congress, a Brussels-based group that represents Jewish communities across the Continent, said it would take more than a decade and hundreds of millions of dollars before American houses of worship – synagogues, mosques, churches – or private firms, which includes nightclubs, would be able to match the security arrangements in Europe. 'It takes a lot of effort to analyze each building and see what type of security it needs,' he said."

Canada's Message To Teens: Marijuana Is Now Legal, But Please Don't Smoke It.

The [New York Times](#)   (11/11, Porter) reports, "Parents and grandparents jammed the small hall of Thornbury, a sleepy ski town north of Toronto, to glean tips on how to talk to their teenagers about the potential harms of marijuana." The Times adds, "Held less than a week before Canada was set to legalize cannabis, the public health session had a message for parents: Marijuana would be legal for adults, but it was not safe for young people," and "parents needed to instill in their children the idea that pot could be dangerous." Canada last month "became the second country to make it legal for adults to buy, grow and consume small amounts of marijuana," but "it also made it a crime to give it to anyone younger than 19 or 18, depending on the province, and set a penalty of up to 14 years in prison for doing so," and "at the same time, the government began an \$83 million public education campaign, much of it targeting Canadian youths, that warns of pot's dangers."

UK Police Seek To Recruit Female Officers.

[Sky News \(UK\)](#)   (11/9) reports, "A drive to train more women as armed police officers is under way to address the gender imbalance in the Metropolitan Police's firearms units." Sky News "was given exclusive access to a recruitment day in Kent designed to show serving officers what life would be like as part of the team on an armed response vehicle." According to Sky News, "It is seen as such a priority that the UK's most senior female counter-terrorism officer came to speak to potential applicants as the Met prepares to mark 100 years since women first joined the force." Deputy Assistant Commissioner in Specialist Operations Lucy D'Orsi "said: 'We are definitely underrepresented with women officers in the firearms command so it has given us a healthy nudge to look to improve that.'"



CRIME & DRUGS

Autopsy Confirms Thousand Oaks Shooter Died Of Self-Inflicted Gunshot.

[ABC World News Tonight](#) (11/11, story 4, 0:25, Llamas) reported briefly that an autopsy has confirmed "Ian David Long fatally shot himself after opening fire inside the Borderline Bar and Grill" in Thousand Oaks, California, killing a dozen people.

Authorities are “also investigating social media posts with time stamps showing Long posted to Instagram during the rampage, predicting people would respond to his posts with thoughts and prayers.”

Thousand Oaks Shooter Posted On Instagram During Shooting, Police Say. On [CBS Weekend News](#) (11/10, story 4, 2:00, Morgan), Sgt. Eric Buschow of the Ventura County Sheriff’s Office said that Ian Long, the perpetrator of the recent shooting at a bar in Thousand Oaks, California, “was actively posting on Instagram during the shooting,” and that “we know that from the time stamps.” However, correspondent Carter Evans added Buschow could not disclose what was actually in the posts, “which have now been removed.” According to Evans, Instagram shut down Long’s account following the incident, but “investigators have asked the company to preserve all of his posts.”

After Thousand Oaks Shooting, More Calls Made For Gun Control. The [New York Times](#)   (11/10, A1, Arango, Medina) reports on its front page that California having possibly “the toughest gun control laws in the nation” did not prevent the recent shooting at the Borderline Bar & Grill in Thousand Oaks. California Governor-elect Gavin Newsom said in a Thursday news conference that “the response sure as hell cannot be more guns.” According to the Times, “survivors and family members of those who have been killed in gun violence are also calling for stronger measures.” Newsom did not provide any measures to further the cause of gun control this week, but he did mention he would have signed some bills regarding the issue that Gov. Jerry Brown had vetoed, including one that would have broadened restraining orders.

Trump: California Bar Shooter Was “Very, Very Sick.” [Reuters](#)   (11/9, Thayer) reports President Trump “said on Friday the gunman who killed 12 people in a crowded South California bar this week was a “very, very sick guy,” as investigators tried to determine what could have motivated the 28-year-old Marine combat veteran,” Ian David Long, who on Wednesday “walked into the Borderline Bar and Grill, which was packed with dancing college students, and opened fire, fatally shooting 12 people before apparently killing himself, law enforcement officials said.”


The [Washington Post](#)   (11/9, Biasotti, Berman) reports “the massacre that left 12 people dead – including an 18-year-old who had just started college, a Marine and a sergeant who rushed in to confront the shooter – also left behind uncertainty regarding how a gunman neighbors knew as troubled and who prompted a mental-health check from police was able to legally obtain the handgun used in the attack.” In a front-page article, the [Washington Post](#)   (11/9, A1, Wax-Thibodeaux) reports “relatives had questioned whether Long had returned from a tour in Afghanistan with post-traumatic stress disorder,” but “some who knew him in high school say his aggressive behavior predated his years in the military.” The [New York Times](#)   (11/9, Philipps) reports Dominique Colell, a track coach at Newbury Park High School, described Long as “defiant and angry” and she revealed he “eventually assaulted her on the track.” Colell stated, “This shouldn’t be blamed on PTSD. He was disturbed long before that. The military may have provided some training, but he had a propensity to violence before he ever joined.”

For Promoting “Hate, Violence,” PayPal Bans Antifa, Proud Boys.

The [Washington Times](#)   (11/10, Blake) reports that PayPal is banning accounts utilized by several organizations, including Atlanta Antifa and the Proud Boys. PayPal confirmed the moves on Friday, and in a statement said that “we do not allow PayPal services to be used to promote hate, violence or other forms of intolerance that is discriminatory.” Atlanta Antifascists stated that “our group completely rejects the ‘both sides’ stance taken by PayPal,” and Jason Lee Van Dyke, a lawyer for the Proud Boys, told the Daily Beast that the group will “consider legal action for tortious interference.”

One Dead In Melbourne Stabbing Attack.

[ABC World News Tonight](#) (11/9, story 8, 0:55, Muir) reported one person is dead, with two others wounded, in Melbourne, Australia Friday after the driver of a pickup truck plowed the vehicle into a crowded area, then “jump[ed] out and immediately [began] attacking people with a knife.” The truck caught fire during the attack. Authorities shot the driver, who later died of his wounds.



The [Wall Street Journal](#)   (11/9, Cherney, Subscription Publication) reports that the assailant was identified as 30-year-old Hassan Khalif Shire Ali, a Somali native who arrived in Australia in the 1990s, according to Victoria Police Chief Commissioner Graham Ashton. Ashton told reporters, “We are treating this as a terrorism incident,” the [New York Times](#)   (11/9, Albeck-Ripka, Rychter) reports. He added that the assailant was known to law enforcement. According to the SITE Intelligence Group, ISIS claimed responsibility for the attack, “although the group provided no evidence.”

Sayoc Charged For Sending Possible Bombs To Democrats, Trump Opponents.



The [Washington Post](#)   (11/9, Zapotosky) reports on Friday federal prosecutors in New York charged Cesar Sayoc in a 30-count indictment for “mailing possible package bombs to prominent Democrats and Trump critics across the country, bringing

charges that are both more severe and more numerous than those he previously faced." Sayoc may face life in prison for the charges and his next appearance in court was not subsequently scheduled.

MS-13 Associate Given 40 Years In Prison For Killing 15-Year-Old.

The [Washington Post](#)   (11/8, Jovenal) reports Venus Romero Iraheta, an MS-13 associate, was given 40 years in prison for partaking in the killing of 15-year-old Damaris Reyes Rivas in January 2017. The Post calls Iraheta "the most high-profile defendant in a slaying so horrific it drew national attention and was used by the Trump administration to grimly highlight the resurgence of MS-13 in the Washington area and beyond," as the events surrounding Damaris' death were captured by cell-phone footage and her body was found underneath an overpass a month after her killing.

FBI Closes Investigation Into Horizon Air Hijacking By Rogue Ground Services Worker.




The [Wall Street Journal](#)   (11/9, Tangel, Subscription Publication) reports the FBI investigation into the Horizon Air ground services employee who stole and crashed a turboprop plane from Seattle-Tacoma International Airport in August has been closed without discovering a clear motive to 28-year-old Richard Russell's actions. The investigation also revealed Russell acted alone. The Journal reports the incident, which led to a scrambling of military aircraft in pursuit of the recklessly flown Horizon Q400, sparked concerns over airport security, but the TSA found Horizon Air and Alaska Air Group were following all federal laws. As for the NTSB's investigation, the Safety Board found the plane appears to have been crashed intentionally and not through pilot error or aircraft malfunction.

Australian Woman Arrested After Needles Found In Strawberries.

[The Independent \(UK\)](#)   (11/11, Dalton) reports, "A 50-year-old woman has been charged over an Australia-wide alert caused by fresh fruit being spiked with needles." According to the Independent, "Authorities in all six of the country's states were investigating the tampering that has led to needles or pins being found in strawberries, apples and bananas." The Independent adds, "The crisis meant tonnes of strawberries were dumped or went to waste, threatening the future of the multi-million-dollar industry," and "it also led to harsher penalties being rushed through federal parliament for those caught tampering with food." The Queensland woman "has been charged with seven counts of contamination of goods, which has a three-year maximum jail term."

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The 2019 IACP Technology Conference Call for Presentations is now open. This year's theme, Technology Into Action, showcases how law enforcement can put technology to work to address critical needs in their community. The conference will be held in Jacksonville, Florida, on May 20-22, 2019. The deadline to submit a presentation is November 16, 2018. [Get started today.](#)

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TECHNOLOGY

UK Police Leader: Officers "Hamstrung" By Outdated Technology.

[The Independent \(UK\)](#)   (11/10, Dearden) reports, "Britain's most senior police officer has said officers are 'hamstrung' by outdated technology while the 'bad guys' race ahead." Cressida Dick, commissioner of London's Metropolitan Police, "said the government had repeatedly called on the police service to transform itself and make use of new technology, but failed to provide the national leadership needed to do it." The Independent adds, "The void has left the 43 forces in England and Wales purchasing new technology ad hoc and at significant expense," and "new systems that are introduced do not always 'talk' to those in neighbouring forces, and work to combine existing databases into the new 'Law Enforcement Data Service' is delayed." The Metropolitan Police "is among forces facing a legal challenge over its trials of controversial facial recognition technology, which compares live or still images of people to those of wanted suspects."

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Join us for Happy Hour at IACP 2018 in Orlando, FL!

We will be hosting happy hours on both Sunday, October 7th and Monday, October 8th. Drop by our booth to grab a drink and some food, and also learn more about license plate recognition, facial recognition, ballistics analysis, gun crime mapping, and some of our new product offerings!

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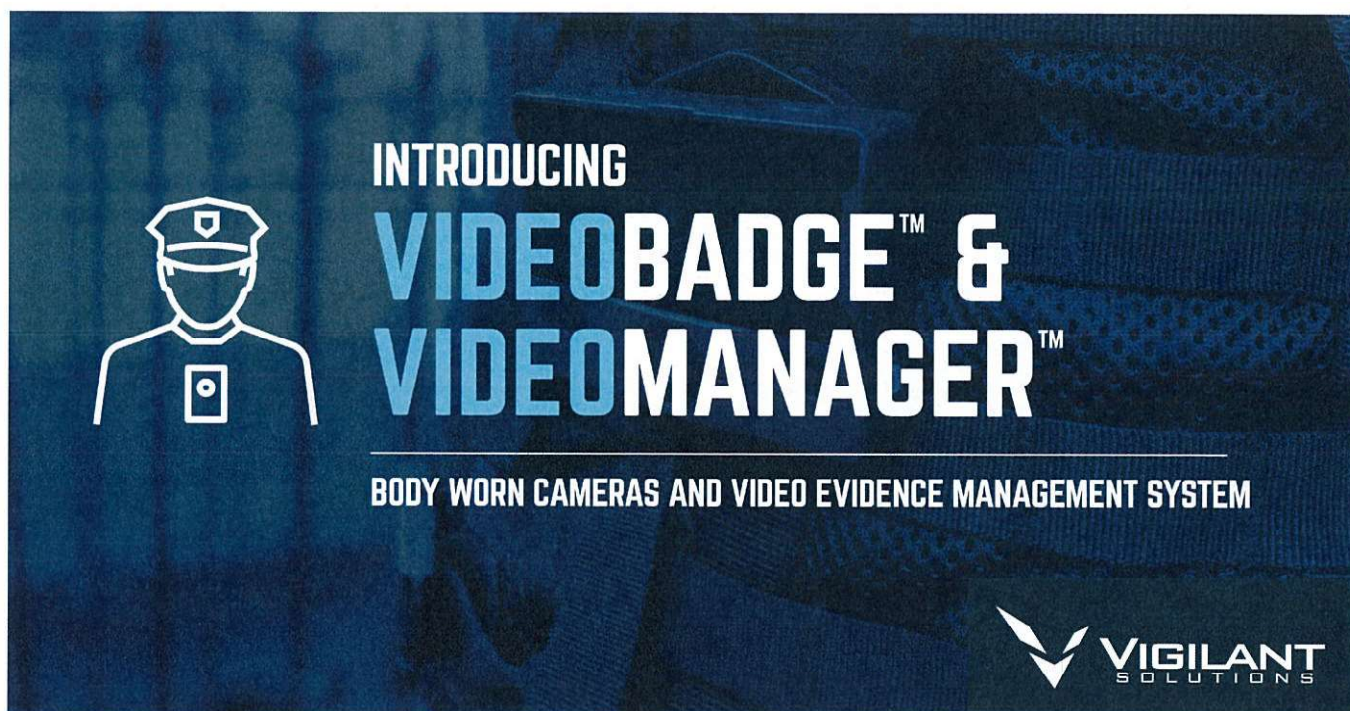
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Dear Jody,

We are very excited to [announce today](#) that Vigilant Solutions has acquired Edesix Ltd, the number one manufacturer of body worn cameras in the United Kingdom.

Founded in Edinburgh in 2002, Edesix has a global footprint of customers from the UK and the United States to Abu Dhabi and Australia in industries ranging from law enforcement and airport security to fire safety, rail safety, university security and healthcare. Its body worn video system – [VideoBadge™](#) – employs footage encryption and a wire-free design that make it extremely versatile for various types of users and applications. Similarly, its [VideoManager™](#) software solutions enable web-based viewing and editing of incidents, and preparation of evidence packages. The

software is designed to control and manage cameras, their footage and footage from other sources in a highly efficient and secure manner. Additionally, its in-car cameras will seamlessly integrate with our suite of technologies.

So, what does this mean for our customers?

1. Anyone who works with Vigilant Solutions knows that we are passionate about the fact that our solutions help to keep communities and law enforcement safe. And, by providing law enforcement with body worn and in-car cameras, we are able to achieve both goals by aiding the law enforcement community in your efforts to promote transparency in your engagements with the public.
2. Law enforcement agencies no longer need to keep their ALPR, facial recognition, ballistics analysis, gun crime and body worn/in-car camera images siloed in multiple systems. All the images you capture can easily be integrated into our investigative platform, so we can provide law enforcement with a single platform for securely managing images all in one place.
3. There is a new player in the body worn camera market. And, that means increased competition for law enforcement's dollars, which translates to competitive pricing and continued innovation in technology development.

If you are interested in learning more about [Edesix products](#), please reach out to your Account Manager or contact us at Sales@VigilantSolutions.com.

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Shawn Smith
Founder and President, Vigilant Solutions

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The digital dragnet



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Dear Chief,

In continuing to think about and formulate my veto of the pending camera ordinance, I have moved away from the executive policy order model of Somerville and toward proposing a compromise ordinance that addresses my concerns about the current version and that I would sign. I have essentially adapted the form and language of the pending ordinance banning downtown cameras and attempted to transform it into a true restriction with a process for seeking City Council approval above and beyond the existing budget or capital improvement processes outlined in the charter. Please review and we can discuss at our meeting this afternoon.

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On Mon, Dec 18, 2017 at 8:42 AM, David Narkewicz <dnarkewicz@northamptonma.gov> wrote:
This overlap between D1 and D2 existed in the original. I am trying to be minimalist and not muck with their language so I've had to live with some excess and duplicative language. Are Center Street and the parking lot across the street covered by the police station cameras or cameras mounted on the parking deck itself? If the former they would be exempted by both the original and revised version.

Copying Alan in for his thoughts.

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On Mon, Dec 18, 2017 at 8:34 AM, Jody Kasper <jkasper@northamptonma.gov> wrote:
Good Morning,
Upon reading this it appears to me that there is some overlap between D1 and D2 and that they could perhaps be combined into "... cameras that monitor municipal buildings and parking structures, including but not limited to..." Also, our existing cameras cover Center Street and the parking lot across the street. Is there a way to include "all existing city-owned cameras" in there?
Thanks for your continued work on this ordinance.
Jody

On Mon, Dec 18, 2017 at 7:44 AM, David Narkewicz <dnarkewicz@northamptonma.gov> wrote:
Dear Chief,

As I prepare to issue my veto of later today, I wanted you to have one final look at the proposed ordinance revisions which I streamlined slightly to maximize the amount of original text I retained. Attached is a PDF which show the highlighted revisions in the context of the original ordinance. I still firmly believe that an ordinance is not necessary - a point I make emphatically in my veto message - but given the alternative...

Please review and advise ASAP,
David

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CITY OF NORTHAMPTON
MASSACHUSETTS

In the Year Two Thousand and Seventeen
Upon the Recommendation of

17.397
AN ORDINANCE

ESTABLISHING RESTRICTIONS ON THE USE OF
SURVEILLANCE TECHNOLOGY IN PUBLIC PLACES

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Northampton, in City Council assembled, as follows:

1 *That Chapter 285: Streets, Sidewalks, and Public Property (Article III: Streets and*
2 *Sidewalks Policies) of the Code of Ordinances be amended as follows:*

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4 § 285-52 Surveillance technology.

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6 A. Definitions. For the purposes of this section:

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8 1. "Public places" means any and all real property owned or leased and/or controlled
9 by the City of Northampton, wherever located, including but not limited to
10 municipal buildings, streets, sidewalks, parking lots and structures, recreation and
11 conservation areas, and parks.

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13 2. "Surveillance technology" means hardware or software that records and/or
14 transmits the identity, movement or actions of individuals or vehicles in public
15 places including but not limited to video cameras, license plate readers, and facial
16 recognition systems.

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18 B. Restriction. Surveillance technology shall not be deployed and/or operated in a
19 fixed location in any public place for a period of more than one day without the
20 approval of the city council.

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22 C. Public Hearing. Upon receipt of a request for approval of surveillance technology
23 under this section, the city council shall publish in at least one newspaper of
24 general circulation in the city a notice stating: (i) the times and places where the
25 surveillance technology deployment request and associated documents are
26 available for inspection by the public; and, (ii) the date, time and place of a public
27 hearing on the request to be held by the city council, which shall be not less than
28 14 days after publication of the notice.

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30 D. Exceptions. The restrictions set forth herein shall not apply to:
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1. Security cameras that monitor municipal buildings and facilities, including but not limited to police and fire rescue stations and the parking lots and/or parking decks adjacent thereto. The front steps and plaza areas of City Hall and Memorial Hall are not covered by this exception.
2. Security cameras that monitor parking structures, so long as such cameras do not monitor public places outside of the structure.
3. The temporary use of surveillance technology where the purpose is to prevent or mitigate imminent and serious risk to the public in emergency situations.
4. The temporary use of surveillance technology where the purpose is in connection to a specific and time-limited criminal investigation.

Hello all,

I am respectfully submitting two measures for the September 21, 2017 Council meeting -- a resolution that if approved would express the sense of the Council against the installation of municipally-operated surveillance technology in downtown Northampton, and an ordinance intended to establish restrictions and prohibitions on the use of such technology going forward.

I am attaching the ordinance and will forward the resolution later today.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns. Best,

Ryan

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Ryan O'Donnell
City Councilor At-Large
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CITY OF NORTHAMPTON MASSACHUSETTS

In the Year Two Thousand and Seventeen

Upon the Recommendation of Councilors Ryan R. O'Donnell, William H. Dwight and Alisa F. Klein.

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7 **hardware or software that records and/or transmits data for the purpose of**
8 **observing and/or recording the identity, movement or actions of individuals**
9 **or vehicles within the public way, including but not limited to video cameras,**
10 **license plate readers, facial recognition systems and mobile phone location**
11 **readers.**

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13 **B. Prohibition. Within the Central Business District, surveillance technology**
14 **shall not be deployed and/or operated in a fixed location on public property**
15 **or property leased and/or controlled by the City for a period of more than**
16 **one day.**

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18 **C. Exceptions. This section shall not apply to public property that is part of the**
19 **municipal parking system.**

Good evening, I'd like to share a few facts with you.

Our plan:

- We'd like to add a small number of cameras to cover our major intersection, crosswalks, and city hall. Why? When a crime occurs and someone provides a description, we can go back in time and look for that car or that person. During large scale events in the street, we would be able to safely monitor from a distance.
- Cameras would have no audio, no facial recognition, no plate reading, and could not be panned beyond the fixed frame.
- We do not plan to actively monitor our cameras on a routine basis. Instead, we would passively monitor them, meaning they'd be accessible on a screen in the desk area, but we would have no one actively watching them. The only time we would actively monitor them is for large scale events that occur in the streets such as First Night, and active criminal investigations.
- The current estimate on the initial proposal that we have is about \$83,000. That could be less if we modify camera placement/number.
- We would have a policy that requires training of our staff about appropriate camera use, that ensures accountability by having unique logon credentials for each officer, that addresses concerns about camera misuse including racial profiling, and that defines the retention period.
- We are looking at a retention period of three weeks. That's intentional to avoid having a substantial library of stored video and to reduce storage needs and cost.
- Our rough draft policy is taken from CALEA, the national accrediting association for police agencies. It's a model policy for camera systems.

Fears/Concerns

- Outside agencies getting our footage. For one thing, it's hard to imagine what our footage of Main Street would yield to a federal agency that was not conducting a criminal investigation. When this was first brought up at public discussion, I was surprised to hear this concern because it seemed so outside of the box. I have spoken with members of surrounding agencies with cameras and this type of request from ICE has never occurred. Despite that, I hear the concern and I've called the Public Records Office on Boston and have talked to the attorney with the MCOPA. Both indicated that exemption N would likely protect information from being released. Further, there was a 2015 case where a person actually requested this type of footage and it was denied. The denial, citing exemption N, was supported by the secretary of public records. This research has allayed my concerns about this very remote possibility.
- Major cities including Boston, San Francisco, New York, and Chicago are all sanctuary cities and all use camera technology. Their citizens and city leaders were able to collaborate on this topic and to find common ground because they understand the value of this technology.

Data from Research

- The Urban Institute's 2011 Evaluating the Use of Public Surveillance Cameras for Crime Control and Prevention
- Baltimore, Chicago, DC

- Baltimore, "The results of the impact analysis of Baltimore's camera investment suggest that the costs Baltimore incurred in camera implementation, maintenance, and monitoring are beginning to pay off in reduced crime. Particularly in the downtown Baltimore area... both property and violent crimes declined by large percentages in the months following camera implementation." Total significant crime reduction was just under 25% reduction in larceny and violent crimes. "These reductions were identified without any signs of crime displacement to neighboring areas. Crime near the camera area but beyond the camera viewsheds (in the 1000 foot buffer surrounding the cameras) also declined during the post-implementation period."
- Chicago, "... analysis revealed a significant decrease in average monthly total crime counts in the Humboldt Park area following camera installation. In addition, the average monthly crime counts for drug-related and robbery offenses were reduced by nearly one-third. In summary, the decrease in crime in the treatment area, which was significantly greater than that experienced by the comparison area, suggests that the Humboldt Park area cameras accomplished their desired crime control impact. The impact was achieved with no evidence of displacement." A second area of study, West Garfield Park, yielded little to report. Despite that, "The city's investment in cameras is well justified."
- Washington DC- "At the outset, district residents were very vocal and forthright in expressing their concerns that the neighborhood cameras would be subject to misuse and pose a threat to privacy rights. Camera implementors met this concern with transparency, public outreach, and the credibility established by the successful operation of the preceeding camera system. The city council designed the guidelines regarding camera use based on input from the public and interest groups- including the ACLU and the American Bar Association- that was solicited through a series of open hearings and through a public review published in the DC register." The camera system in DC had little impact on reducing crime, although it proved useful to aid in investigations. "With clear video evidence, case prosecutors who have used the footage noted that case preparation time was also reduced, due both to an increase in the likelihood of pleas, and a lower level of effort required to make a powerful case to a jury should the case go to trial."

Information from Other Communities

These are more relevant because they more accurately reflect local events and how cameras are used. In all the communities that I spoke with, ICE, nor any other federal agency had ever requested footage for non-criminal matters.

- Amherst, they solved the fatal hit and run motor vehicle accident and a robbery
- Easthampton, they have used privately-owned cameras in the investigation of the individual who detonated bombs around the pond and in the murder of Joanne Ringer
- Chicopee PD- I haven't spoken with a rep from Chicopee yet, but this past July their city council voted 12-0 to support the funding to add 12 additional municipal cameras to their pilot cameras because they had already used them successfully for several cases including a shooting, several assaults including one with a victim who was seriously injured, the investigation of MVCs, and to aid in finding a four year old boy with autism who was wandering the streets.
- UMass PD- cameras are incredibly useful, too many cases to list

Information from Northampton PD

- We use cameras on a near daily basis
- During the community discussion I cited cases that were solved using camera footage. These includes the human trafficking cases at multiple locations around in Northampton and in other communities, the Anthony Baye murders, a bank robbery at knifepoint at Bank of America, a bank robbery at TD Bank in May, and of course the bank robbery at TD Bank over this past weekend.
- During the community discussion I also highlighted notable cases that we were not able to solve because we lacked evidence to continue the investigations. These include a hate crime that was an assault and battery with a dangerous weapon, the attack of a man who was beaten by four men and required facial reconstructive surgery, an armed robbery at Cumberland Farms, the two major breaking and enterings at Yes Computers, two separate reports of women who had a knife held to their throats and were robbed on Main Street, and a series of seven open and gross incidents with nine total victims.

Calls

- 2016 Downtown Statistics of Reported Crime: 38 Assaults, 41 Damage/Vandalism, 271 Disturbances, 63 Harassment, 155 Theft/Larceny/Shoplifting, 256 Traffic Collisions, about 11,500 total calls.
- 25% of the calls that your NPD officers handle are in the downtown area.
- Just in the last two weeks, on Main Street, in addition to all of the other crimes and events, we have had an indecent assault and battery, a report of a man who pulled a knife on some folks who were on the street, and a bank robbery. This morning our Mayor found a man standing in his parking space and the male refused to let him pull in. The male proceeded to yell at the Mayor for a good while saying things like, "You're going to fry for it. You're a f-ing snake!" Last week a male entered City Hall swinging a stick in the air and frightening staff. Over the weekend we assisted Deerfield PD in a search for a man wanted for attempted murder. How did we help? We sent the drone unit to assist. This is in the last 1-2 weeks.

Other

- We already have cameras at our fire station, at our police station inside and covering Center Street, in our parking garage, in our schools, in our cruisers, and temporary cameras that we have used to solve serious crimes.
- Legislation is being considered to add more cameras to school buses and to the stop arms to catch drivers who are driving by. The state vehicle inspection stations in the state just changed requiring cameras. Why? Because cameras are effective. They work at deterring crime and they are effective at aiding to solve crime.

The fact is, we use cameras all the time. They are incredibly effective. We can make decisions based on some people's fears, the fears that you've heard over the past month, or we can make decisions based on facts and our experience. "The best predictor of future behavior is past behavior." Your police department has been using camera technology for decades. We have done so respectfully and professionally, adhering to the high standards that we set. ICE isn't knocking on our door for footage of streets. Our cameras are not disproportionately effecting members of our marginalized community, we haven't stopped engaging in community policing

because we use camera technology. Instead, we have been able to better investigate crimes, provide stronger evidence for criminal cases, and have prevented future criminal behavior by swiftly identifying suspects. This is what cameras do.

If I had told you we were considering no longer carrying firearms and I brought that to a community discussion, I'm fairly confident that a group of folks would show up holding signs with a handgun and a ban sign through them. They could cite police use of force cases, fear of the federal government, and could request more community policing instead of firearms.

Unfortunately, this is just not the world we live in. I wish it was. I wish hate groups weren't showing up in communities intimidating citizens. I wish people would stop robbing each other, assaulting each other, and victimizing each other. I wish cars would stop driving through crowds of innocent people and killing them. I wish we didn't have an individual who made and detonated bombs in Easthampton in February of this year. I wish my officers didn't have to train on active shooter incidents in schools each year. I wish I could come into work one day and not read about an active shooter event or a terrorist attack. I wish that my staff didn't have to put on ballistic vests each day that they come into work. But this is the world we live in. My job is to be aware of that and to do my best to keep our small community safe and to protect us all.

Many pieces of police equipment can be misused and abused. Quality hiring and training, model policies that have been examined by outside accreditation assessors, and a work culture focused on proactive and collaborative community policing greatly reduce the likelihood of abuse. NPD is committed to those concepts and has an exceptional record of professionalism.

If this proposed ordinance passes, we are working in the exact opposite direction of other communities. Locally towns and cities like Easthampton, Amherst, Belchertown, Holyoke, and Chicopee use cameras. A little further away liberal and progressive communities like Somerville, Seattle, and San Francisco have also been able to work together to put camera technology in place in busy downtown areas while addressing the concerns of community members. These community leaders understand that cameras aid police in solving crimes, can have a deterrent effect, and increase the safety and security of their communities.

The proposed ordinance and referendum work against the goals of the police department and fail to support our investigative efforts and security efforts. They reduce our department's ability to do our jobs. When the next human trafficking case is reported and it's in the downtown business district, when the next drug trafficking case arises, when we have repeat occurrences of crimes by a sexual predator, when we have another arson spree, when another individual comes into city hall intimidating and threatening our city employees, it's shocking to me that the city council would want to hinder the police department's ability to effectively investigate these crimes, would choose to fail to support our victims, and would choose to reduce the police department's ability to prevent future occurrences.

Passing any sort of ordinance that specifically prohibits the use of cameras absolutely ties our hands. I provided each city councilor with an overview of our current camera systems and their many applications. I included cases where they have been used effectively. This ordinance works directly against our investigative efforts.

These cameras don't benefit us as police officers. They're not part of our paychecks and as police officers we don't take them home with us. These cameras benefit our citizens and our future victims. I'm not seeking cameras to benefit the police department or our staff. I'm seeking cameras to better support our citizens and victims by preventing and solving crimes.

Evening. Here is the statement that I read to Legislative Matters. I skimmed some of the meaty early sections, but read the final section verbatim.
Have a good night.
Jody

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Good Afternoon Dennis,
Here is the statement that I used as a guide when I spoke with the Legislative Matters committee on Monday. I read the last half or so verbatim, but much of the beginning I used more as notes. Feel free to reach out with any questions.
Best,
Jody

On Wed, Oct 18, 2017 at 5:06 PM, Dennis Bidwell <dbidwell@bidwelladvisors.com> wrote:

Thanks much for this Jody. I thought your presentation was excellent Monday night. Too bad more folks didn't have their ears open for what you were saying.

Is there any chance you could provide a copy of your remarks Monday night? If not the whole thing, at least the summary of the last year's downtown crime statistics, and the significant cases you might have been able to solve if you had camera footage?

Many thanks. Dennis

Dennis P. Bidwell

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Subject: Re: NPD Camera Policy- DRAFT

And the attachment....

On Tue, Oct 17, 2017 at 10:26 AM, Jody Kasper <jkasper@northamptonma.gov> wrote:

Good Morning City Councilors,

At last night's Legislative Matters meeting Councilor Murphy requested that I send you all a copy of our draft policy on cameras. This policy is very much a draft and the original intent of the community discussion was to explore this topic together and to build this policy together. Feel free to reach out if any of you have any questions.

Jody

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From: **Michael Allard** <mallard@northamptonma.gov>

Date: Thu, Jan 25, 2018 at 10:05 AM

Subject: Re: [Rupprecht Drones] - \$840 Million. New lawsuit against the FAA.

To: Jonathan <jon@jrupprechtlaw.com>

Cc: Patrick Moody <pmoody@northamptonma.gov>

Please see the below bill in Massachusetts. The senate concurred and it is now in the Judiciary.

Bill S.1664

SECTION 1. Chapter 272 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 99B the following section:—

Section 99C.

(a) As used in this section, the following words shall have the following meanings:—

“Unmanned aerial vehicle”, an aircraft that is operated without the possibility of direct human intervention from within or on the aircraft.

(b) Any use of an unmanned aerial vehicle shall fully comply with all Federal Aviation Administration requirements and guidelines. Unmanned aerial vehicles may not be equipped with weapons. The acquisition, purchase, or procurement of unmanned aerial vehicles shall be authorized, in the case of a unit of state or county government, by the Secretary of Public Safety, or, in the case of a municipality, by the city council or other governing body, subject to approval by the Secretary of Public Safety.

(c) It is unlawful for a government entity or official to operate an unmanned aerial vehicle except as follows—

(1) in order to execute a warrant issued under section 2 of chapter 276.

(2) for purposes unrelated to criminal investigation or other law enforcement purposes, provided that information derived from such operation shall not be received in evidence in any criminal trial, hearing, or grand jury proceeding, or maintained, shared, or used for any intelligence purpose.

(3) in case of emergency when there is reasonable cause to believe that a threat to the life or safety of a person is imminent, subject to the following limitations:

i. the operator shall document the factual basis for the emergency; and

ii. not later than 48 hours after the unmanned aerial vehicle is initially deployed, a supervisory official shall file an affidavit describing the grounds for the emergency access.

(d) The lawful operation of unmanned aerial vehicles described in subsection (b) and the disclosure of information acquired by the operation of such vehicles shall be subject to the following limitations:

On Tue, Jan 16, 2018 at 6:42 PM, Jonathan <jon@jrupprechtlaw.com> wrote:

The FAA is getting sued...again. This time to the tune of \$840 million. The case is Taylor v. FAA and Huerta. This is NOT John Taylor who was instrumental in having the drone registration regulations vacated in the Taylor v. Huerta case. Just to mention, I'm NOT involved in this case. This is a class action lawsuit (of at least 836,796 members who registered their drones) against the FAA. They are seeking \$1,000 in statutory damages for **EACH** of the members of the class.

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Here you go.

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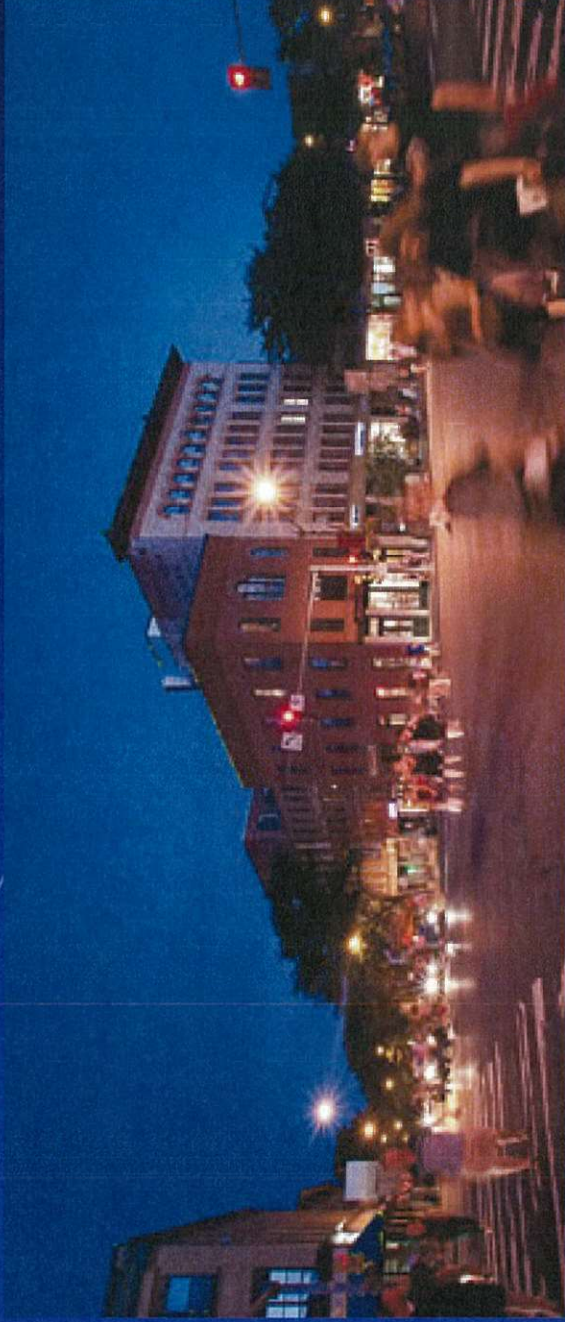


Community Discussion on Downtown Cameras

September 13, 2017

Current Conditions in Downtown

- Highest call volume in the city is downtown*
- Reports of theft/shopliftings, vandalism, harassment, disturbances, robberies, open drug dealing and drug use, bike thefts, and indecency and lewd behavior
- Increase in mass casualty threats and terrorism events around the world and Main Street/downtown is the area that contains the highest concentration of pedestrians, particularly during large events
- High number of large events including First Night, the Hot Chocolate Run, the Pride March, marches/protests, and parades



“But nothing ever happens in
Northampton. It’s so safe here!”

Downtown Statistics- Reported

	2015	2016
Assault	48	38
Breaking and Entering- Business/Residence	13	10
Damage/Vandalism	46	41
Disturbance	329	271
Harassment/Stalking	47	63
Disturbance- Domestic Violence	25	27
Theft/Larceny/Shoplifting	175	155
Traffic Accidents	273	256
Total Calls	11,676	11,572

Notable Cases- Solved

- TD North Bank - Robbery (May, 2017)
- Pulaski Park- Carry a DW/Knife (August, 2016)
- Main Street- A&B/DW, subject attacked another man and hit him over the head with a ukulele. Victim received lacerations to his head/face. (August, 2017)



Notable Cases- Solved

- Bank of America- Armed Robbery at Knifepoint, good bank camera surveillance and HPD officer recognized suspect (8/2016)
- Main Street- Narcotics Dealing and Weapons Possession. Search warrant served and narcotics, ammunition, an AR-15 and other weapons recovered (9/2017)

Notable Cases- Unsolved

- Pleasant Street- A&B/DW, hate crime, female was walking and two males told her to move back to Puerto Rico and then threw a rock that hit her in the head causing a head injury (11/2016)
- Pearl Street/Main Street- A&B/DW, male was attacked and beaten by four men, and required facial reconstructive surgery (4/2016)
- Main Street- A&B/DW, female was grabbed from behind and a knife was held to her neck (5/2015)
- Gothic Street- Armed Robbery, a female was grabbed from behind and a knife held to her throat, she turned over her wallet (5/2015)

Notable Cases- Unsolved

- Dunkin Donuts- Armed Robbery at Knifepoint (9/2014)
- New South Street- Home Invasion, two masked men forced their way into victim's home (9/2014)
- Yes Computers- B&E's (7/2013 and 4/2011)
- Open & Gross, 7 incidents with 9 victims (2017)
- Bank of Western Mass.- Bank Robbery
- Cumberland Farms- Armed Robbery While Masked, handgun shown (1/2017)
- Main Street- Vandalism to memorial statue (2017)

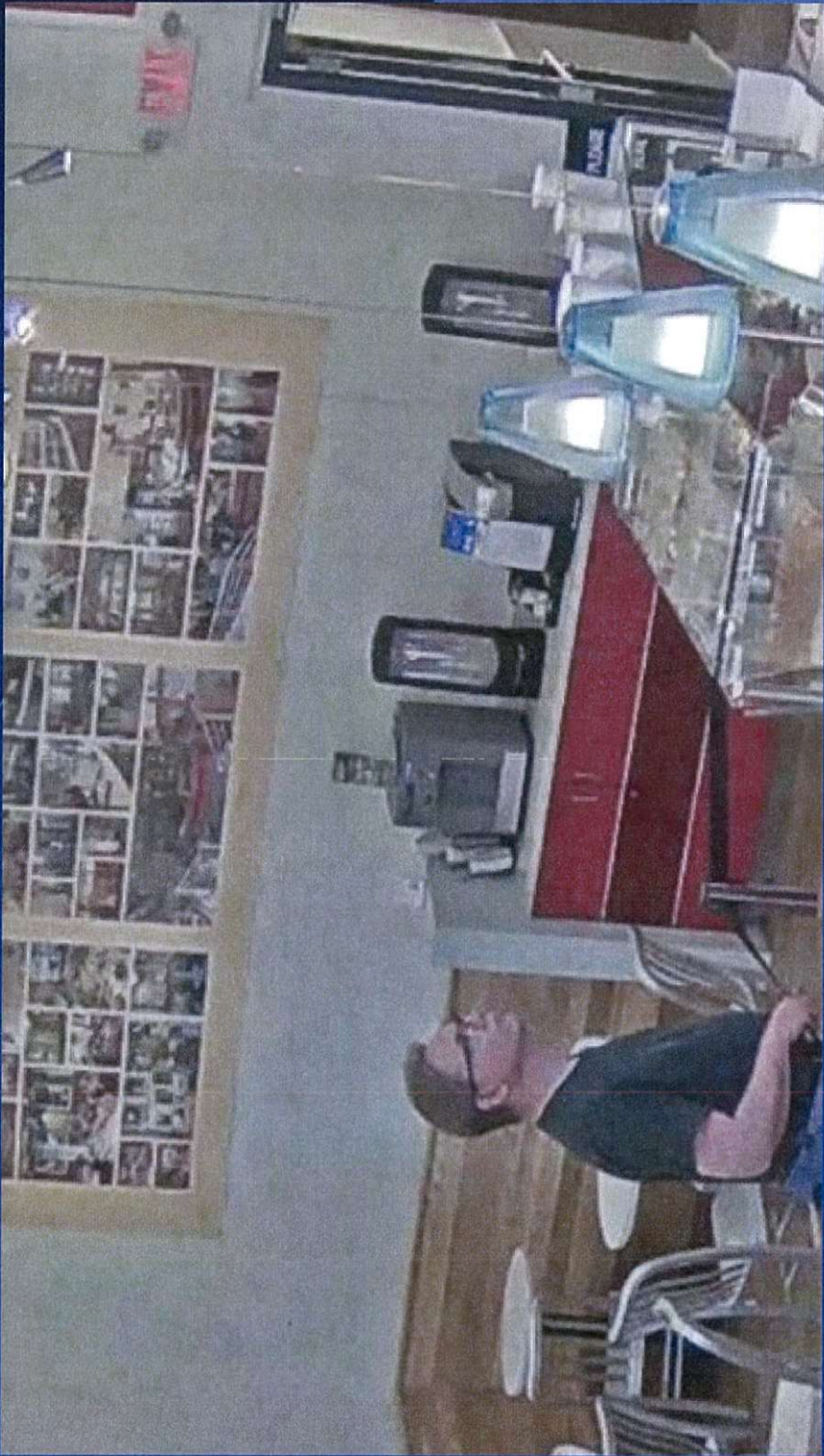
Current City-operated Cameras

- 10-12 cameras in the parking garage
- NHS, JFK, Smith Vocational
- All primary line cruisers have Provision and are continuously recording
- Police facility has interior and exterior cameras (includes Center Street, booking rooms, cells)
- Fire facility has interior and exterior cameras



Other Cameras

- Temporary cameras are used during most large scale events (Pride, First Night, Extravaganja, large protests)
- We use a piecemealed network of cameras from businesses. This is time-consuming for all, yields poor quality footage, causes delays in investigations, and software is sometimes incompatible







Surrounding Communities with Cameras

- Easthampton
- Amherst
- Belchertown
- Holyoke



What would a system in our city look like?

- Video only, no audio
- No license plate readers or facial recognition technology
- Fixed cameras that cannot be manipulated by a user to view outside of the frame (digital zoom, not optical zoom)
- All cameras posted in select areas on Main Street

What would a system in our city look like?

- Access at PD in the station officer area
- No cloud or hosted service connection (not web-based)
- Window-blanking technology/privacy zones are available
- Primarily used for criminal investigations
- Not to be used for issuing civil traffic citations

How would it work?

- A policy would be developed (we have a draft)*
- Officers would be required to review NPD policy
- All personnel would have training in use of the system
- Each user would have individual login credentials
- Viewing would be possible at desk, but no dedicated staff to watch cameras

How would it work?

- Footage would be retained for 21 days and then recorded over
- Events could be permanently recorded for use in investigations (criminal and traffic collisions)

What's in the Draft Policy?

- Recommended model policy from CALEA (Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies)
- Racial profiling and nondiscrimination
- Types of information gathered
- Storage and retrieval
- User access
- Data as evidence
- Managing policy violations (similar to RMV)