

Why now?

- Increased job responsibilities
- The technology is out there and would greatly improve our efficiency and effectiveness
- With the increase in threats to large gatherings, and to areas with high numbers of pedestrians, we're concerned
- We don't want to wait for something terrible to happen and then wish that we had this technology



What would the benefits be?

- Swift identification and apprehension of criminal suspects
- Deterrence/Reduction of criminal behavior
- Live monitoring for the command center during large-scale events including First Night, the Pride March, and other events in the downtown area, without having to rely on outside agencies
- Overall, more efficient and effective police investigations (ie, we'll solve more cases)
- Traffic collision investigation
- Truth- cameras provide a clear picture of an event

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Questions

I like both of those. I took the FAA part 107 course and exam on 7/1/16 and passed. 2.5 hours of concentration I could not do here. I did put in for flex time as well.

I am now qualified as a Pilot in Command and will get a formal license in August when the FAA catches up. Licensed part 61 pilots qualify for part 107 certification before any others. This was perfect for Me and Pat.

I created a folder on the share called UAS- Drone and placed the IACP papers as well as other information I found today. Attached is a word document with some public meeting ideas.

On Fri, Jul 1, 2016 at 10:32 AM, Jody Kasper <jkasper@northamptonma.gov> wrote:

Mike,

I have attached a paper and a model policy that address police use of drones. Both were released by the IACP as resources to assist agencies exploring the use of drones.

Jody

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Chief Jody D. Kasper

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Respectfully.

Michael J. Allard #106
Highway Safety Officer
Crime Scene Services
AFIS Administrator

Drone Public Meeting Plan

- 1) Plan and limitations of the Northampton Police for drone use
- 2) Occurrences to include emergencies, risk of life, accident and crime scene investigation & demonstrations.
- 3) Flight log subject to audit. All flights would be entered in the dispatch software as well as being recorded with the departmental log.
- 4) Policy suggestions from the city council and public.
 - The drone to be marked,
 - No weapons,
 - No acoustic recordings,
 - No facial recognition,
 - Always in line of site
 - Fly below 400 feet
 - Follow all FAA rules, all pilots to be part 107 certified.
 - The Northampton Police have two licensed pilots. Michael Allard and Patrick Moody.
 - Data Retention Policy
- 5) ALCU pros and Cons
 - **Pro** Search and Rescue
 - **Pro** Larger drone in better
 - **Con** Facial Recognition
 - **Con** IR
 - **Con** Sound Recording

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NEWS

Northampton City Councilors introduce measures opposing security cameras in downtown area

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NORTHAMPTON - Northampton City Councilor At-Large Ryan O'Donnell announced Friday that he would be introducing two new measures to the Council that oppose the installment of security cameras in the city's downtown area.

The announcement comes just two days after the Northampton Police Department held a community meeting at the city's Senior Center to discuss a proposal to add a network of security cameras.

The plan calls for new cameras on the city's streets, which Police Chief Jody Kasper assured will not have facial recognition or license plate reader software and will be used largely for criminal investigations instead of as a means of issuing civil traffic citations.

O'Donnell said one of the measures is a resolution expressing the Council's disapproval of expanded surveillance, while the other is an ordinance that would prohibit the use of surveillance technology in the city's downtown area.

The measures are being co-sponsored by Council President Bill Dwight and Ward 7 Councilor, Alisa Klein, O'Donnell said.

O'Donnell referenced the meeting in his statement regarding the new measures.

"At a recent public meeting on this subject, the comment was made that 'things have changed' in our society, as an argument for the greater use of surveillance technology in our daily lives," he said. "But in response to what can in fact be frightening changes in our world, we have to summon the courage to remember that our democratic values have not changed. We must constantly strengthen and renew the principles of openness and freedom of expression in civic life," he said.

"With the resolution, I would like to Council to weigh in immediately on this important issue facing the city. With the ordinance, I would like us to codify in law what I believe would be important restrictions on the use of this technology in the future."

Both measures will be considered at the Council's next meeting on Sept. 21.



Plan to institute new security cameras in downtown Northampton met with criticism, concern at community meeting

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Jody –

I agree that we should do an email search for “facial recognition” and see what turns up. Also, let me know what you find with regard to Face Match. The other responses seem appropriate given that we don’t use facial recognition software.

Please note new office address

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From: Jody Kasper [mailto:jkasper@northamptonma.gov]
Sent: Friday, April 12, 2019 2:27 PM
To: Alan Seewald <alan@paradisecitylaw.com>
Subject: Fwd: ACLU Public Records Request

Good Afternoon Alan,

We received a public records request from the ACLU yesterday. This one is not specific to NPD and my understanding is that it went out to many agencies. They are seeking information about Facial Recognition software. We don't have this or use this, but they have pretty broad requests regarding communications. Could you please review their request and let me know if you agree with my recommendations for how to handle them? Their request is attached and my notes to you are as follows:

1. To my knowledge, we have not explored the acquisition of facial-recognition technology. However, we receive dozens of emails per day from vendors trying to sell us different products. I cannot say with any certainty whether anyone in this building ever received an email from someone trying sell facial-recognition software. My recommendation is that we do an email search for our staff and the term “facial recognition” to determine if we have any records responsive to this request.
2. To my knowledge, we have not discussed acquiring this type of technology in-house. However, I would recommend an in-house email search with the term “facial recognition” to see if we have any records response to this request.
3. To my knowledge, we have never tried to acquire facial recognition software. We have no records response to this request.
4. We have no facial-recognition software, so we have no materials related to functionality of this technology.
5. We have no facial-recognition software, so we have no manuals, policies, or practices related to this technology.
6. We have no facial-recognition software, so we have no training materials related

to this technology.

7. We have no facial-recognition software, so we have no mobile application related to this technology.

8. We have not attempted to acquire facial-recognition software, so we have no records related to public process or debate regarding us trying to acquire it. However, as you may recall, during the surveillance camera discussions, people brought up facial-recognition and were concerned that we were trying to or would in the future embed it in the cameras. We were not. My thought is that just because people brought this up related to cameras, it was not a public discussion about the acquisition of facial-recognition technology and there was no product that we were trying to acquire.

9. We do use CopLink, but I am not sure about the use of the Face Match feature. I'll need to follow up on this one and I'll let you know what I learn.

10. Same as above.

Thanks for some guidance on this lengthy request Alan.
Have a good weekend.

Jody

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From: **Emiliano Falcon** <efalcon@aclum.org>

Date: Thu, Apr 11, 2019 at 11:23 AM

Subject: ACLU Public Records Request

To: jlawnicki@northamptonma.gov <jlawnicki@northamptonma.gov>

Cc: Kade Crockford <kcrockford@aclum.org>, Bill Newman <Newman@lnn-law.com>

Good Morning,

Please see attached.

Best regards,

Emiliano

Emiliano Falcon

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Good Morning Antonio,

I was going to talk with you at the meeting this morning, but I just learned that you will not be attending. We have received a public records request (dated April 11) that requires the City's response. I have communicated with Alan and we need the following information to respond to their request:

1. A City email (gmail) search of all NPD employees for emails sent or received between January 1, 2016 and today, that include the term "facial recognition."
2. An IMC email search of all NPD employees for emails sent or received between January 1, 2016 and today.

A portion of this request is pretty broad. Although we do not use facial recognition technology, the ACLU is asking for ANY communication, and it's quite possible that vendors have reached out to us offering to sell is this type of technology.

As you know, we have a limited amount of time to respond.

Thank you.

Jody

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Good Afternoon Craig,

Please take a look at this public records request from the ACLU. I'm working on numbers 1-8, but I need your help on 9 and 10. Please determine if we use the Face Match feature on Coplink. If so, we need to produce the records requested in the letter. Also, we need records pertaining to Coplink. I thought you, some of the detectives, or Corey would be able to address this one. We have 10 days to respond and the clock started ticking yesterday.

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April 11, 2019

Sent via email

Jane Lawnicki, Supervisor of Records
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Re: Public records request related to the use of facial-recognition products or services

Dear Supervisor Lawnicki,

This is a request under the Massachusetts Public Records Law, G.L. c. 66, § 10, made on behalf of the American Civil Liberties Union Foundation of Massachusetts ("ACLU").

The ACLU seeks records¹ relating to the Northampton Police Department plans for, acquisition of, and/or use of facial-recognition² technology, including but not limited to products and services like Amazon Rekognition, Microsoft Face API, or NEC NeoFace.

Records requested

The ACLU requests all such records created on or after January 1, 2016, including but not limited to:

1. Communications³ between any representative of the Northampton Police Department and any representative of any vendor offering any facial-recognition product or service.
2. Internal communications between representatives or employees of the Northampton Police Department relating to any facial-recognition product or service.
3. Documents relating to the Northampton Police Department purchasing or use of facial recognition, including but not limited to: purchase orders, RFPs, licensing agreements,

¹ Throughout this request, the term "**records**" includes but is not limited to any paper or electronic information, reports, evaluations, memoranda, correspondence, letters, emails, charts, graphs, flyers, meeting agendas, meeting minutes, training materials, diagrams, forms, DVDs, tapes, CDs, notes, or other similar materials.

² In this letter, "**facial recognition**" means the automated or semi-automated process by which a person is identified or attempted to be identified based on the characteristics of his or her face.

³ "Communications" includes emails to and from Northampton Police Department employees.

- invoices, and contracts (including non-disclosure agreements) related to any facial-recognition product or service.
4. Materials relating to how any facial-recognition product or service functions (or functions improperly), including e-mails, handouts, PowerPoint presentations, advertisements, or specification documents.
 5. Manuals, policies, procedures, and practices governing the use or monitoring of a facial-recognition product or service or related information or databases. This request includes, but is not limited to:
 - a. Procedures for using, deleting, or retaining photos of subjects to be identified;
 - b. Materials identifying any sources of such photos, such as mobile devices, body cameras, surveillance videos, identification photos, or arrest photos;
 - c. Policies or procedures relating to the legal standard, if any, (e.g., probable cause, court order, relevance, consent) that is required before using any facial-recognition product or service.
 - d. Procedures the agency follows after a positive match, such as requiring independent or in-person verification;
 - e. Permitted uses of the information created from a positive match.
 6. Training materials related to any facial-recognition product or service by employees of the Northampton Police Department.
 7. Records relating to any mobile application related to any facial-recognition product or service.
 8. Records relating to any public process or debate about any facial-recognition product or service, including meeting agendas or minutes, public notice, analyses, or communications between the Northampton Police Department and elected leaders or county officials.
 9. Records relating to any Northampton Police Department employee use of the Face Match feature in the Coplink database system, including:
 - a. Any record pertaining to Face Match features.
 - b. Any record pertaining to how and when Northampton Police Department employees are permitted to perform Face Match searches.
 - c. Any record documenting the number of Face Match searches performed.
 - d. Any record pertaining to the notification of prosecutors and/or criminal defendants regarding the use of Face Match.
 10. Records pertaining to the Coplink database, including:
 - a. Training materials.
 - b. Product documentation and/or marketing materials.
 - c. Policies, procedures, and memoranda of understanding or agreement.



Because this request involves a matter of public concern and because it is made on behalf of a nonprofit organization, we ask that you waive any fees. ACLU is a nonprofit §501(c)(3) organization dedicated to the protection of civil rights and liberties for all persons in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. As the state's affiliate of the American Civil Liberties Union, the ACLU of Massachusetts is part of a nationwide network of advocates dedicated to defending and expanding the civil liberties of all.

If you decide not to waive fees, we request that you permit us to examine, at our election, the responsive documents before deciding which portions to copy. We would prefer the documents in electronic format.

Should you determine that some portion of the documents requested are exempt from disclosure, please release any reasonably segregable portions that are not exempt. In addition, please note the applicable statutory exemption and explain why it applies to the redacted portions. As you know, a custodian of public records shall comply with a request within ten days after receipt.

If you have questions about this request, please contact me at (617) 482-3170 x346 or kcrockford@aclum.org.

Thank you for your assistance. We look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kade Crockford".

Kade Crockford
Director
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ACLU of Massachusetts

Dear Chief Kasper,

Enclosed please find a letter and related materials from the ACLU of Massachusetts concerning body worn cameras. Please do not hesitate to contact Matthew Segal or Rahsaan Hall, copied here, with any questions or concerns about this issue.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Regards,

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Police Body-Worn Cameras: How to Do it Right in Massachusetts

The Problem

High-profile incidents in which police officers have harmed civilians—often people of color—have highlighted a need for increased police transparency and accountability. Allegations of police misconduct, whether accurate or unfounded, damage trust between police and civilians, and erode their ability to work together to protect communities.

Factual disputes are a crucial part of this problem. In some cases, such as the killing of Walter Scott in South Carolina, cameras have revealed police misconduct that might otherwise have gone unproved.ⁱ Likewise, in Chicago, Officer Jason Van Dyke was charged with murdering Laquan McDonald only after dashboard camera footage revealed that McDonald did not lunge at police with a weapon, as Van Dyke had claimed.ⁱⁱ

In other cases, such as the killing of Angelo West in Roxbury, video has allayed community concerns about possible misconduct.ⁱⁱⁱ In all cases, for both the community and the police, learning the facts is vitally important.

The Solution

To protect both law enforcement officers and community members, police should use body-worn cameras (BWCs) during interactions with the public and implement BWC policies that (1) reflect community participation; (2) protect privacy; and (3) ensure public accountability.

The evidence supporting this solution is clear. In Rialto, California, a BWC study found a 60% reduction in officer use of force and an 88% reduction in civilian complaints.^{iv} In Orlando, Florida, a BWC study found a 53% reduction in use of force and a 65% reduction in civilian complaints.^v According to recent polls, 90% of Americans support BWCs for police,^{vi} and 95% of large police departments have either deployed BWCs or have committed to do so.^{vii}

Although no Massachusetts agency has issued guidance on BWCs, the ACLU of Massachusetts has drafted a [model policy](#) reflecting the principles of participation, privacy, and public accountability.

1. Participation

- ***Engage the community to assess local priorities.***

Body-worn camera policies should be shaped and approved through a public process, allowing community stakeholders to address local concerns.

- ***Disclose policies and key footage to the public.***

Community members have a right to know how the police use BWCs. Policies governing BWCs, as well as key footage, should be publicly available.

2. Privacy

- ***Prohibit recording without notice and, in private spaces, without consent.***

Police should notify people that they are being recorded, and BWCs should be turned off *at a civilian's request* in sensitive situations such as recording inside of homes or when interviewing sexual assault victims. Videos with highly private footage should not be released to the public.

- ***Never surveil activists or use biometric analyses.***

BWCs should not be used to gather information based on First Amendment-protected speech, association, or religion. Data from BWCs must not be used in any facial recognition system.

- ***Promptly delete video that doesn't involve the use of force, a complaint, or a detention or arrest.***

Body-worn camera video should be deleted in a matter of weeks unless a recording is flagged at the subject's request or because it documents the use of force, involves an encounter that is the subject of a complaint, or led to a detention or arrest.

3. Public Accountability

- ***Limit officer discretion to turn off the cameras.***

Body cameras don't advance accountability if police can turn them off any time they want. Officers should record when responding to a call for service or any investigative encounter. That includes stops, frisks, searches, arrests, consensual interviews and searches, enforcement actions of all kinds, and any encounter that becomes hostile or violent.

- ***Officers should write initial reports before viewing camera footage.***

Letting officers preview videos of an incident before giving a statement undermines the credibility of their statements and the integrity of investigations.

- ***Discipline officers who violate policy.***

An investigation spurred by Laquan McDonald's killing in Chicago found that 80% of dashcams in city patrol cars could not record sound due to "intentional destruction" or "officer error."^{viii} To prevent this kind of behavior, officers who violate BWC policies must face sanctions.

ⁱ "Walter Scott Shooting Footage Synced with Police Scanner Audio," [The Guardian](#), April 9, 2015.

ⁱⁱ "Police Reports in Laquan McDonald Case Appear to Contradict Dashcam Video," [ABC News Chicago](#), Dec. 4, 2015.

ⁱⁱⁱ "Video Released of City Officer Being Shot," [The Boston Globe](#), April 10, 2015.

^{iv} *Implementing a Body-Worn Camera Program: Recommendations and Lessons Learned*. Miller, Lindsay, Jessica Toliver, and [Police Executive Research Forum](#). Washington, DC: Office of Community Oriented Policing Services, 2014.

^v "University of South Florida Study: Body Cameras Help Police Do Their Jobs Better," [Tampa Bay Times](#), Oct. 12, 2015.

^{vi} "Negative View of US Race Relations Grows, Poll Finds," [New York Times](#), May 4, 2015.

^{vii} "Almost All Police Departments Plan to use Body Cameras," [Governing](#), Jan. 26, 2016.

^{viii} "80 Percent of PD Dash-cam Videos Are Missing Audio Due to 'officer error' or 'intentional destruction,'" [The Washington Post](#), Jan. 29, 2016.

Body-worn cameras

Using **body-worn cameras** during police-civilian interactions can, **if done correctly**, protect police officers and community members.

So if **your** city or town is going to use **body-worn cameras**...

do it **RIGHT**

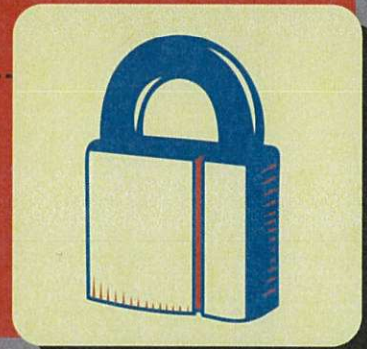


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Learn more

<https://aclum.org/cams>: ACLU model policy and more
<https://bwcscorecard.org>: a scorecard of existing policies





**MODEL BODY-WORN CAMERA POLICY, ORDINANCE, OR BYLAW
FOR MASSACHUSETTS POLICE DEPARTMENTS AND MUNICIPALITIES**

June 23, 2016

In light of the increasingly widespread adoption of body-worn cameras in the United States, and in response to growing demand for model policies concerning body-worn cameras in Massachusetts, the ACLU of Massachusetts presents the following model for use as either a police policy or a municipal ordinance or bylaw. As this model demonstrates, and as the experience of cities and towns across America confirms, a good body-worn camera policy can improve public safety, enhance community-police relations, and protect privacy. The ACLU of Massachusetts is eager to work collaboratively on this issue with community members, police departments, public officials, and other stakeholders to meet local community needs and concerns.

Section 1: Findings

- (a) There is no objective record of most encounters between {Name of City/Town} Police Department officers and civilians, which can lead to divergent and subjective accounts of these encounters.
- (b) The tragic deaths of civilians in police encounters, including numerous people of color, have brought police practices and police-community relations to the forefront of national attention.
- (c) Equipping police officers with body cameras can, together with good policies, provide objective evidence of encounters between civilians and police officers without unduly infringing privacy.
- (d) Body camera programs reportedly have been piloted or implemented in major cities throughout the country, including [Atlanta](#) (GA), [Austin](#) (TX), [Baltimore](#) (MD), [Charlotte](#) (NC), [Chicago](#) (IL), [Dallas](#) (TX), [Denver](#) (CO), Detroit (MI), El Paso (TX), [Ferguson](#) (MI), Fort Worth (TX), [Houston](#) (TX), Indianapolis (IN), [Las Vegas](#) (NV), [New Orleans](#) (LA), [New York](#) (NY), [Los Angeles](#) (CA), [Oakland](#) (CA), [Orlando](#) (FL), [Philadelphia](#) (PA), [Phoenix](#) (AZ), San Antonio (TX), [San Diego](#) (CA), [San Francisco](#) (CA), [San Jose](#) (CA), [Seattle](#) (WA), and [Washington](#) (DC).
- (e) Localities that have kept data on their body camera programs, including Buncombe County (NC), Mesa (AZ), Oakland (CA), [Orlando](#) (FL), Paulsboro (NJ), [Phoenix](#) (AZ), [Rialto](#) (CA), and San Diego (CA) have reportedly experienced substantial declines in civilian complaints, use-of-force incidents, or both.
- (f) The experience of these cities indicates that, when done right, body camera programs can enhance police accountability, deter misconduct by officers and civilians alike, and support rather than undermine positive police-community relations.

Now, be it ordained that the {City/Town} of {Name of City/Town} Code be amended
by adding the following ordinance:

~OR~

Accordingly, the following Policy shall govern the use of body-worn cameras
by the {Name of City/Town} Police Department:

Section 2: Purpose

The {Name of City/Town} Police Department (hereinafter “the Department”) shall adopt the use of body cameras by police officers to: improve community relations; foster better accountability for the actions of its personnel; deter inappropriate conduct by police officers and by members of the public; capture digital audio-video evidence for criminal, civil, and traffic-related court cases; be used as a training tool for officer safety and best practices; and assist in the assessment of contacts between officers and the public by reviewing procedures and interpersonal actions. All provisions laid out in this rule shall be reflected in all related rules and procedures of the Department.

This {Policy/Ordinance/Bylaw} is issued to provide officers and supervisors with guidelines for the use of body cameras; the management, retention, storage and retrieval of, and access to, recorded media captured by body cameras; the handling of evidence derived from body cameras; as well as sanctions for failing to abide by these provisions.

Section 3: Definitions

- (a) “Body camera” shall refer to a device worn by an officer that can record both audio and video of an interaction between an officer and a civilian.
- (b) “Civilian” or “member of the public” shall refer to any person who is not an on-duty police officer.
- (c) “Officer” shall refer to a sworn member of the Department.
- (d) “Subject” shall refer to any individual who appears on video footage recorded by a body camera, except those who appear only incidentally.

Section 4: Use Protocols

- (a) Only officers with the authority to conduct searches and make arrests shall be permitted to wear a body camera.
- (b) Before each shift, officers shall inspect and test their body cameras to verify that they are working properly and fully charged, and shall notify their supervisor of any problems.
- (c) Body cameras shall be worn openly in a prominent location on the officer’s body, uniform, or clothing, and in a manner that maximizes the camera’s ability to capture video footage of the officer’s activities.
- (d) Body cameras shall not be used surreptitiously.
- (e) Both the video and audio recording functions of the body camera shall be activated whenever an officer is responding to a call for service or at the initiation of any other law enforcement or investigative encounter between an officer and a member of the public, except that when an immediate threat to the officer’s life or safety makes activating the camera impossible or dangerous, the officer shall activate the camera at the first reasonable opportunity to do so. The body camera shall not be deactivated until the encounter has fully concluded and the officer leaves the scene.
- (f) As close to the start of the encounter as is reasonably possible, an officer who is wearing a body camera shall notify the subject(s) of the recording that they are being recorded by a body camera.
- (g) Notwithstanding the requirements of subsection (e):

(1) Before entering a private residence without a warrant or in non-exigent circumstances, an officer shall ask the occupant if the occupant wants the officer to discontinue use of the officer's body camera. If the occupant responds affirmatively, the officer shall immediately discontinue use of the body camera;

(2) When interacting with an apparent crime victim (e.g., a victim of domestic violence or sexual assault), an officer shall, as soon as practicable, ask the apparent crime victim if he or she wants the officer to discontinue use of the body camera. If the apparent crime victim responds affirmatively, the officer shall immediately discontinue use of the body camera; and

(3) When interacting with a person seeking to anonymously report a crime or assist in an ongoing law enforcement investigation, an officer shall, as soon as practicable, ask the person seeking to remain anonymous if he or she wants the officer to discontinue use of the officer's body camera. If the person seeking to remain anonymous responds affirmatively, the officer shall immediately discontinue use of the body camera.

(h) All law enforcement offers to discontinue the use of a body camera made under subsection (g), and the responses thereto, shall be recorded by the body camera before discontinuing its use.

(i) Body cameras, as well as other devices that can record audio and video, shall not be used to gather intelligence information based in whole or in part on First Amendment-protected speech, associations, or religion, or to record activity that is unrelated to a response to a call for service or a law enforcement or investigative encounter between an officer and a member of the public.

(j) Officers shall not activate a body camera while on the grounds of any public, private, charter, or parochial elementary or secondary school, except when responding to an imminent threat to life or health.

(k) Body camera recordings shall not be viewed by supervisors for the sole purpose of searching for violations of department policy not specifically related to a complaint or investigation.

Section 5: Retention and Access

(a) Body camera video footage shall be retained by the Department, or an authorized agent thereof, for six months from the date it was recorded; thereafter the footage shall be permanently deleted unless a longer retention period is required by law.

(b) Notwithstanding the retention and deletion requirements in subsection (a):

(1) Video footage shall be automatically retained for no less than three years if the video footage captures images involving:

(A) Any use of force;

(B) Events leading up to and including an arrest for a felony-level offense, or events that constitute a felony-level offense; or

(C) An encounter about which a complaint has been registered by a subject of the video footage.

(2) Body camera video footage shall also be retained for no less than three years if a longer retention period is requested by:

(A) The officer whose body camera recorded the video footage, if that officer reasonably asserts that the video footage has evidentiary or exculpatory value;

(B) Any officer who is a subject of the video footage, if that officer reasonably asserts that the video footage has evidentiary or exculpatory value;

(C) Any superior officer of an officer whose body camera recorded the video footage or who is a subject of the video footage, if that superior officer reasonably asserts that the video footage has evidentiary or exculpatory value;

(D) Any officer, if the video footage is being retained solely and exclusively for police training purposes, provided that such footage shall be redacted to obscure the identity of any civilian appearing therein;

(E) Any member of the public who is a subject of the video footage;

(F) Any parent or legal guardian of a minor who is a subject of the video footage; or

(G) A deceased subject's next of kin or legally authorized designee.

(c) To effectuate subsections (b)(2)(E), (b)(2)(F) and (b)(2)(G), any member of the public who is a subject of video footage, the parent or legal guardian of a minor who is a subject of the video footage, or a deceased subject's next of kin or legally authorized designee, shall be permitted to review the specific video footage in which the subject appears in order to make a determination as to whether they will voluntarily request it be subject to a three-year retention period, and shall be entitled to a copy of the video footage upon request.

(d) No officer shall review or receive an accounting of any body camera video footage before completing any required initial reports, statements, and interviews regarding the recorded event. After any required initial reports, statements, and interviews are completed, a supervisor may review footage when necessary to evaluate the merits of a complaint by a subject of the video footage or a specific allegation of misconduct.

(e) Officers are prohibited from accessing, copying, or releasing body camera video footage except for official law enforcement purposes. All accessing, copying, or releasing of body camera video footage that is undertaken for official law enforcement purposes must be logged. Officers shall never use a camera phone or other secondary recording device to make a copy of a body camera video for any purpose.

(f) Under no circumstance shall body camera video be subject, either in real time or after the footage is captured, to any automated analysis, or analysis of biometric indicators of any kind, including but not limited to iris or retina patterns or facial characteristics.

(g) Video footage shall be subject to the public inspection requirements of the Massachusetts public records law (M.G.L. c.4 s. 7 cl. 26; M.G.L. c.66), but otherwise shall not be divulged or used by the Department for any commercial or other non-law enforcement purpose.

(h) Video footage made public pursuant to a public records request or for another legitimate law enforcement purpose shall be redacted to obscure the identities of minor children, and to obscure the identities of other individuals when the release of the video footage would unreasonably, substantially, or seriously interfere with the individual's privacy.

(i) Where the Department authorizes a third party to act as its agent in maintaining body camera footage, the agent shall not be permitted to independently access, view, or alter any video footage, except to delete videos as required by law or agency retention policies.

Section 6: Enforcement

(a) If any Department officer, employee or agent fails to comply with the requirements of Sections 4 or 5, or interferes with a body camera's ability to accurately capture video footage, then the following enforcement mechanisms shall apply unless exigent circumstances made compliance impossible:

(1) Appropriate disciplinary action shall be taken against the officer, employee, or agent.

(2) The Department shall support a rebuttable evidentiary presumption in favor of any criminal defendant or civil plaintiff who reasonably asserts that, due to the noncompliance or interference described in this subsection, body-camera footage favorable to that defendant or plaintiff was destroyed or not captured.

(b) Body camera video footage recorded in contravention of this {Policy/Ordinance/Bylaw} or any other applicable law shall be immediately destroyed. The Department and its officers shall not seek to introduce improperly recorded video footage as evidence in any criminal or civil legal or administrative proceeding against a civilian.

(c) Nothing in this {Policy/Ordinance/Bylaw} shall be read to contravene any laws governing the maintenance and destruction of evidence in criminal investigations and prosecutions.

Section 7: Effective Date

This {Policy/Ordinance/Bylaw} shall take effect on {Date}.

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Study: Oakland, California's Operation Ceasefire Caused 32 Percent Reduction In Gun Homicides.

The [Rockridge \(CA\) Patch](#)   (8/23) reports "a six-year-old strategy to reduce group-related gun violence in Oakland has resulted in a 32 percent reduction in gun homicides and a 43 percent decrease in gang-involved shootings," according to a study. Researchers from Northwestern, Northeastern, and Rutgers Universities determined the 2012 Operation Ceasefire has caused a severe drop in gun violence. Oakland Police Chief Anne Kirkpatrick said, "The critical work that (Northeastern) Professor Anthony Braga and the team conducted validates the many years of collaborative efforts in reducing violent crime in Oakland."

Minneapolis Police To Hire Sexual Violence Victim Advocate.



The [Minneapolis Star Tribune](#)   (7/25, Stahl, Bjorhus, Webster) reports Minneapolis police announced this week "they will hire an advocate for rape victims to work full-time alongside investigators." The advocate from the Sexual Violence Center nonprofit "will accompany victims as they bring their cases to police, as the department already does with victims of domestic abuse." Police Spokesman Scott Seroka said, the advocate will offer victims "support and updates throughout the investigative process, as well as expediting their access to valuable social service resources."

Officials Moving Against Scam Artists Preying On California Fire Victims.

The [Sacramento \(CA\) Bee](#)   (8/23) reports, "With countless millions of dollars in federal aid expected to flow into Shasta County in the wake of the Carr Fire, authorities in Redding issued warnings Thursday to scam artists that they will be targeted and prosecuted by local and federal officials." U.S. Attorney McGregor Scott spoke "at a news conference in Redding with colleagues from the FBI, Shasta County sheriff's and district attorney's offices and Redding police." Scott said, "Unfortunately, in the midst of a disaster like this, there are some who seek to take advantage of the tragedy to enrich themselves and prey on victims."

COMMUNITY

Palo Alto, California Police To Launch Student Police Academy.

The [San Jose \(CA\) Mercury News](#)   (8/23, Kelly) reports the Palo Alto, California police department will launch a new Student Police Academy next month. The Academy "will offer teens an insider's look at many facets of its day-to-day operation, including how it interacts with the community and the legal system." The Academy will be open to youth currently enrolled in a Palo Alto high school.

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CRIME & DRUGS

Police Discover Drug-Smuggling Tunnel From Mexico Leading To Abandoned Fast Food Restaurant.

[NBC News](#) [!\[\]\(17413706fd4997a1a4bdf85c6864eee1_img.jpg\)](#) [!\[\]\(f419710cbe076aa30a9c6c031b5cbe84_img.jpg\)](#) (8/23) reports Phoenix, Arizona Police, working with federal authorities “have discovered a sophisticated drug-smuggling tunnel that went from a home in Mexico to an abandoned fast-food restaurant in Arizona.” Officers discovered the tunnel by trailing the owner of the abandoned Kentucky Fried Chicken restaurant, and arresting “him this month after finding several packages of methamphetamine, cocaine, heroin and fentanyl in the back of his truck.”

OFFICER SAFETY & WELLNESS

Connecticut Police: Seven Officers Exposed To Powdery Drug, Two Hospitalized.

[Associated Press](#) [!\[\]\(d3102649f02e825ddb76dc3de0190154_img.jpg\)](#) [!\[\]\(55ca3a38dbb940110628e54e3ea7505d_img.jpg\)](#) (8/23) reports “seven Connecticut officers were exposed to a white powdery drug and two of them were hospitalized after a suspect threw a bag of suspected dope and it burst open during a search warrant raid.” The raid took place on Thursday in Hartford, Connecticut.

TECHNOLOGY

Man Using Fake Passport Caught By Facial Recognition Technology At Dulles.

[NBC News](#) [!\[\]\(b4eeff342f60cc7bcd67d869b4fedca2_img.jpg\)](#) [!\[\]\(7cbfaf281ed50ce10ba1259f16ecca5e_img.jpg\)](#) (8/23) reports, “Facial recognition technology caught an impostor trying to enter the US on a fake passport that may have passed at face value with humans, federal officials said Thursday,” and “the groundbreaking arrest came on just the third day the biometric technology has been used at Washington Dulles International Airport.” According to NBC News, “The 26-year-old man arrived Wednesday on a flight from Sao Paulo, Brazil, and presented a French passport to the customs officer, according to the U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP).” Using the new facial comparison biometric system, “the officer determined the unidentified traveler did not match the passport he presented,” and “after being sent for a secondary examination, an identification card from the Republic of Congo was found hidden at the bottom of the man’s shoe, officials said.”

NATIONAL SECURITY

School Shooting Threat Leads To Arrest Of Texas Student.

[KTSM-TV](#) [!\[\]\(56549452e01ca28bdf2500ced9653143_img.jpg\)](#) [!\[\]\(235f8f87c36d896db1ddff2848125c86_img.jpg\)](#) El Paso, TX (8/23) reports that Dallas Carrera, an El Paso teenager, was “arrested by the FBI after allegedly making a school shooting threat on social media.” In a news release, FBI investigators “said he posted a photo on Tuesday with a box full of empty assault rifle magazines with the caption ‘Don’t come to school tomorrow.’” According to agents, Carrera is currently in federal jail “where he remains pending a detention hearing.”

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POLICING & POLICY

Oklahoma AG To Push For Mandate For Cold Cases.

The [AP](#)   (8/16) reports Oklahoma Attorney General Mike Hunter “says he will push for legislation next year that requires local law enforcement to enter data from cold cases involving missing or unidentified persons into a national database.” Hunter “announced his plan Thursday, flanked by family members of a missing Tulsa woman whose case was solved when a relative linked her disappearance to the discovery of a body in Muskogee County.”

COMMUNITY

State-Of-The-Art Law Enforcement Training Center Opens At Texas Community College.

[KXAN-TV](#)   Austin, TX (8/16) reports this fall Austin Community College’s Hays campus “will have a new addition: the Public Safety Training Center.” The center, “which opens on Aug. 21, will be used to train students on the criminal justice track as well as ACC’s Police Department and other public safety departments in the region.”

FROM IACP

The IACP is pleased to announce that 400 law enforcement agencies have taken the One Mind Campaign pledge! The One Mind Campaign seeks to ensure successful interactions between police officers and persons affected by mental illness. Take the Pledge today and join 400 law enforcement agencies committed to effective police response for persons affected by mental illness. <http://www.theiacp.org/onemindcampaign/>

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CRIME & DRUGS

NHTSA Launches “Drugged-Driving” Awareness Campaign.

[USA Today](#)   (8/14, Bomey) reports that “Drive high, get a DUI” is the message of “a new national ad campaign launched by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, which is seeking to spread awareness of the dangers of drugged driving.” Amid signs of “a spike in roadway deaths due to marijuana, opioids and other drugs, NHTSA warned that drug-impaired driving is illegal and is a serious threat on American roadways.”

Officers Say Pot Legalization Hikes Illicit Dope Business.

The [Boston Herald](#)   (8/16) reports, “Police say a ‘gray market’ of illegal pot dealing is ‘thriving’ under the state’s marijuana legalization laws, and they’re concerned that it will boom as it has in states like California, where it is undercutting the licensed operations. ‘The gray market is already here,’ Walpole police Chief John Carmichael told the Herald.”



Police Officers Search For Drugs Following Mass Overdose In Connecticut.

NBC Nightly News (8/16, story 3, 0:20, Holt) reported that police officers have been searching for drugs in the wake of a recent mass overdose in New Haven, Connecticut. While officials “say it was a bad batch of synthetic marijuana that caused at least 76 people to fall ill in a park near Yale University,” some overdose victims “also tested positive for the powerful opioid fentanyl.” Three people have been arrested in connection with the mass overdose, which did not cause any fatalities.



Additional coverage is provided by [ABC News](#)   (8/16, Jacobo) and [Fox News](#)   (8/16, Hein).

TECHNOLOGY



Minnesota County Equips Police Officers With Cameras On Handguns.

The [Minneapolis Star Tribune](#)   (8/15) reports that a suburban law enforcement agency in western Minnesota “is permanently outfitting its officers with lightweight cameras mounted on their handguns, marking them among the first in the state to adopt the homegrown technology amid calls for transparency in police shootings.” Gary Kroells, “the police chief for the West Hennepin County Safety Department, which serves Independence and Maple Plain, said that each of his 10 officers will carry the weapon-mounted cameras at a cost of \$7,200 – significantly less expensive than body cameras.”

Sessions Vows To Prosecute Those Who Make Undetectable 3D Guns.



In a statement Thursday, the [Washington Times](#)   (8/16, Muñoz) reports, Attorney General Sessions “committed...to prosecuting individuals that create undetectable 3D printed firearms.” Sessions said in the statement, “Under federal law, it is illegal to manufacture or possess plastic firearms that are undetectable. Violation of this law is punishable by up to five years in prison. ... We will not stand for the evasion, especially the flouting, of current law and will take action to ensure that individuals who violate the law by making plastic firearms and rendering them undetectable, will be prosecuted to the fullest extent.” The Attorney General “did not elaborate on any plan of strategy to track or monitor the creation of such weapons.”

Rep. Cleaver Asks DOJ To Probe Law Enforcement Use Of Facial Recognition Technology.



[The Hill](#)   (8/16, Thomsen) reports a Democratic lawmaker is “raising concerns about law enforcement’s use of facial recognition technologies, saying it could pose issues for minority Americans and potentially be in violation of civil rights protections.” Rep. Emanuel Cleaver (D-MO) “requested in a letter Wednesday to acting Assistant Attorney General John Gore, who leads the Department of Justice’s Civil Rights Division, that the department investigate whether authorities’ use of the software violates civil rights safeguards.”

NATIONAL SECURITY

White House Plans “Salute To The Heroes” Of ICE And Border Protection Next Week.



[Politico](#)   (8/16, Hesson) reports that the White House “is planning an event next week to honor federal immigration agents – even as more than 500 migrant children remain separated from their parents after being separated at the border.” According to Politico, “The ‘Salute to the Heroes of the Immigration and Customs Enforcement and Customs [and] Border Protection’ is scheduled for Aug. 20 in the East Room, an administration official confirmed, in the latest signal that the Trump administration anticipates the midterm fallout from its zero-tolerance border policy very differently from its critics.” Politico adds, “The ceremony is ready-made to provoke ire from opponents of the zero tolerance policy, some of whom have called for ICE’s abolition.”

DOJ Hires Another 23 Immigration Judges.

[Townhall](#)   (8/16, Pavlich) reports DOJ “has hired an additional 23 immigration judges,” bringing “the total number of new judges to 82 during the Trump administration.” EOIR, “which manages and processes immigration judge hires, expects an additional 50 judges to be sworn in by the end of the year. Currently, there are 351 total judges.” Said Attorney General Sessions, “Hiring more immigration judges and reducing the time it takes to hire a judge are two key elements reducing the pending caseload of immigration court cases. ... EOIR Director James McHenry should be commended for making tremendous progress on both fronts since he became Acting Director in May 2017. Under his leadership, we are making great strides toward having an immigration court system that serves the national interest.”

ALSO IN THE NEWS

California Considers Limiting Felony Murder Law.

The [AP](#)   (8/16) reports that California is considering revising its “broad” felony murder law. Even “a few Republicans are backing the Senate-approved bill awaiting action in the Assembly before lawmakers adjourn for the year at the end of August.” Critics “say it’s unfair that accomplices can face execution or life prison sentences even if they were unaware that a killing would or did take place.” The pending legislation “would limit murder convictions to those who actually commit murders; those who ‘with the intent to kill’ knowingly aid, solicit or assist the killer; and those who are major participants in an underlying crime and acted with reckless indifference to human life.”

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POLICING & POLICY

Minnetonka, Minnesota Police Program Will Connect Those In Mental Health Crises With Therapists.

The [Minneapolis Star Tribune](#) (7/30, Otárola) reports the Minnetonka, Minnesota Police Department has partnered with mental health treatment center Relate Counseling Center. "The plan is that after a police call involving a mental health crisis, officers will return within the next few days with a therapist from Relate." Minnetonka Police Chief Scott Boerboom said, "At the end of the day, the Police Department is not equipped to be able to manage a crisis and to be able to provide long-term solutions."

Chicago Police Increase Lollapalooza Security After October 1.

The [Las Vegas Review-Journal](#) (7/30, Crosby) reports that, in response to the October 1 massacre, "the second-in-command of Chicago police announced Monday that the department is bolstering security measures for the city's upcoming Lollapalooza music festival." The Grant Park "venue is surrounded by tall business buildings and hotels, similar to the Route 91 Harvest festival grounds." Chicago Police First Deputy Superintendent Anthony Riccio said, "We never had eyes on hotels before. ... We always assumed that if there was going to be a problem, it was going to be from right inside or right outside of the event. I think Vegas added a whole new level of concern for us." The [Chicago Sun-Times](#) (7/30, McDevitt) reports CPD Supt. Eddie Johnson said, "Las Vegas taught us all across the country to do things a bit differently. ... The important piece is to be prepared in the event that something does happen."

Local Police In Germany Responsible For Immigration Enforcement.

[NPR](#) (7/30, Kaste) reports, "Three years after German Chancellor Angela Merkel opened the country's borders to hundreds of thousands of migrants, the public mood toward those new arrivals has soured," and "in more conservative parts of the country, such as Bavaria, government officials are promising to be more 'efficient' about processing migrants' asylum claims – and to deport those found not to qualify." NPR adds, "Unlike in the U.S., asylum claims in Germany are handled by state-level authorities – and when someone is ordered deported, enforcement usually falls to local police," which "can lead to chaotic scenes."

UK To Revisit Modern Slavery Laws As Gang Operations Evolve.

[BBC News Online \(UK\)](#) (7/30) reports the UK Home Office has announced the country's modern slavery legislation "is to be reviewed as criminal gangs find new ways to exploit victims." The 2015 laws, which introduced harsher sentences and more support for people forced into labor. According to the Home Office, the review aims to "minimise the risk that the goods and services available in the UK are produced through forced labour and slavery".

CRIME & DRUGS

Philippine Police Chief Announces "Reinvigorated Anti-Illegal Drugs Campaign."

[Reuters](#) (7/30) reports Philippine Police Chief Oscar Albayalde said during a Monday news conference that there will be a "reinvigorated anti-illegal drugs" in his country. He added, "Surgical and chilling will be the trademark" of the campaign. Albayalde, however, also said there will be "built-in safeguards" to ensure the avoidance of illegal acts or human rights

violations during the campaign. Reuters highlights that International Criminal Court prosecutors are trying to determine whether crimes against humanity may have been committed during a previous phase of Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte's anti-illegal drugs campaign.




New Orleans Shooting May Be Gang-Related, Say Police.

[CNN](#)   (7/30) reports, "At least three people are dead and seven injured after a shooting in New Orleans on July 28," and it "may have been gang-related, New Orleans police said Monday." Police "say two suspects fired 'indiscriminately' into a crowd in front of strip mall on South Claiborne Avenue early Sunday." Chief Michael Harrison "said Monday that the New Orleans field office of the FBI and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives are assisting in the investigation." The "reward for information leading to an arrest" totals \$25,000 after the FBI "added \$10,000 and the ATF offered \$5,000."

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Registration is open for the Annual IACP Training Conference on Drugs, Alcohol, and Impaired Driving (DAID), August 13-15, 2018 in Nashville, TN. The DAID Conference features a mix of plenary sessions and workshops designed to keep attendees up to date on the latest practice and science of impaired driving. This year, topics will include: emerging drug trends; the expanded use of Oral Fluid Testing for DAID; issues surrounding cannabis legalization; the opioid crisis; and many others.



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TECHNOLOGY

Tokyo Police Test Artificial Intelligence Terrorism Prevention System Ahead Of 2020 Olympics.

The [Daily Mail \(UK\)](#)   (7/30, Malm) reports Tokyo police have begun testing artificial intelligence systems designed to prevent terrorism at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics. Police tested the system during the Sumida River Fireworks Festival, where "police cameras and monitors recorded the number of people attending the festival, and the patterns they moved in, and used this to estimate where they would go next."

NBC News Evaluates Potential Of Police Facial Recognition Tech.

[NBC News](#)   (7/30) reports that facial recognition technology that makes "it easier to track wanted criminals, missing people and suspected terrorists," may also expand "the government's ability to secretly monitor the public." Despite "'real-time' facial recognition's dazzling potential for crime-prevention, it is also raising alarms of the risks of mistakes and abuse." Those concerns "are not only coming from privacy and civil rights advocates, but increasingly from tech firms themselves."

MONDAY'S LEAD STORIES

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POLICING & POLICY

City In India's Assam State Boosts Anti-Smoking Enforcement.

The [Assam Tribune \(IND\)](#) (7/13) reports "the Guwahati Police has intensified its drive against smoking at public places, fining violators under the Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products Act, 2003 (COTPA). It is also acting tough against direct or indirect advertising, sale to or by minors, sale within 100 yards of schools and non-display of pictorial warnings on all tobacco product packages." The article quotes an official with the Sambandh Health Foundation and a cancer surgeon who is also a member of the Voice of Tobacco Victims.

Toronto To Deploy 200 Police Officers After Uptick In Shootings.

The [Daily Mail \(UK\)](#) (7/12, Hajjaji) reports Toronto "will deploy about 200 police officers in response to the recent spate in shootings." Police Chief Mark Saunders said, "Our men and women are getting the necessary intelligence and we have put a play-book together. ...This overlay will provide the opportunity of roughly 200 extra officers at various times of the day."

Secret Service Produces Guide To Preventing School Shootings.

The [New York Times](#) (7/12, Yoon-Hendricks) reports that the Secret Service's National Threat Assessment Center has prepared an "eight-step guide" on preventing school shootings. The report backs "the formation of 'threat assessment teams' that employ mental health, law enforcement and education professionals to help identify and support troubled youths." The Times says the report is "one of the most explicit pieces of literature to come out of the Trump administration on how to prevent targeted attacks." According to the center's chief, Lina Alathari, the report grew out of "decades of research showing that in a majority of school attacks, students knew of the perpetrators' plans or had concerns about their behavior."

CRIME & DRUGS

California Man Sentenced To 15 Years For Drug, Firearms Charges.



The [Vallejo \(CA\) Times Herald](#) (7/12) reports that Wesley Keith Smith, 35, of Fairfield, was sentenced in federal court Tuesday to 15 years in prison "for possessing methamphetamine with the intent to distribute it and for being a felon in possession of firearms, according to U.S. Attorney McGregor W. Scott." The investigation was conducted "by the Fairfield Police Department and the FBI Solano County Violent Crimes Task Force."

Texas Man Charged With Assault After Being Shot During Federal Operation.



The [Houston Chronicle](#) (7/12, Blakinger) reports, "A Houston man was charged with aggravated assault on a public servant Thursday after he was shot by a federal agent during a drug raid a day earlier, according to authorities." Michael Dewayne Dennis "was still in the hospital and expected to survive as of late Thursday, a Houston police spokesman said." According to the Chronicle, "Gunfire broke out around 6 a.m. Wednesday in the 6100 block of Grapevine, where the Drug Enforcement Administration and Immigration and Customs Enforcement's Homeland Security Investigations branch spearheaded a raid looking for guns and drugs," and "when three agents forced their way into one of the buildings, they spotted the suspect carrying a gun, according to Houston police." The man "allegedly refused to obey their verbal commands,

authorities said," and court records indicate "he threatened two agents with a weapon." The Chronicle adds, "Fearing for their lives, at least one of the lawmen opened fire."





South Carolina Man Charged With Drugs Is Fugitive Wanted By FBI.

The [Rock Hill \(SC\) Herald](#)   (7/12) reports Derrick McKnight Cook, "a man with 'shaking hands' caught by Rock Hill police for having illegal Oxycodone pills is being held without bond after officers found out the man was a wanted fugitive being sought by the FBI, authorities said." The FBI "had been searching for Cook because Cook is accused of violating federal parole."

Police Seek Help To Find Person Who Tried To Steal High Voltage Cable.

[WDAF-TV](#)   Kansas City, MO (7/12) reports that police are requesting the public's help to find someone who caused up to \$24,000 in damages while attempting to steal a high voltage cable owned by Kansas City Power & Light on Wednesday night. The police say "evidence shows that whoever tried to steal the cable will have severe burns to their hands and face."

In New Hampshire, Sessions Unveils Federal Effort Against Synthetic Opioids.

The [New Hampshire Union Leader](#)   (7/12, Hayward) reports Attorney General Sessions yesterday "said federal prosecutors will bring drug dealing charges against anyone suspected of dealing fentanyl and other synthetic opioids such as carfentanil in New Hampshire, one of 10 states targeted in a crackdown on the powerful, deadly drugs." Sessions "said he will add an additional prosecutor to the office of US Attorney in New Hampshire as part of the nationwide effort, labeled Operation Synthetic Opioid Surge." Said Sessions, "When it comes to fentanyl dealers, there is really no such thing as a small case." The [Washington Times](#)   (7/12, Howell) quotes Sessions as further stating, "We are not going to accept the status quo. We will not allow this to continue. ... President Trump has made clear that business as usual is over."

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The Collaborative Reform Initiative Technical Assistance Center (CRI-TAC), supported by the COPS Office, provides customized technical assistance at no cost to state, local, tribal, and campus agencies to advance the practice of community policing. A variety of services are provided including resource referral, web-based training, in-person training, virtual mentoring, meeting facilitation, and on-site consultation. What does your community need?



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TECHNOLOGY

Connecticut Authorities Pioneering Use Of K-9s To Detect Hidden Devices That Store Child Porn.



[WRC-TV](#)   Washington (7/12) reports, "Amid the increase in [child sex exploitation] cases, law enforcement officials are seeking new tools and techniques to catch predators. The FBI and law enforcement officials in Connecticut are pioneering the use of K-9s to help detect and locate hidden electronic devices during the searches of the homes of suspected predators. About two dozen K-9s are currently deployed by police nationwide. The I-Team was allowed access to one of those K-9s training at the FBI's New York City field office."

Continuing Coverage: Orlando PD To Resume Testing Of Amazon Rekognition.

[Fox News](#)   (7/12, Raffa) reports in continuing coverage that the Orlando Police Department once again will test "Amazon's controversial facial recognition software...despite widespread criticism and privacy concerns by civil rights groups after the first sixth-month trial period ended late last month." Orlando Mayor Buddy Dyer explained, "I think we didn't have enough time to finish the testing that we wanted to do to see if we could perfect, along with Amazon, the technology for facial recognition, using it in crowds." He "said Rekognition will be used in Orlando to incorporate extra technology-based policing to get more criminals off the streets, stressing that the service will not be used for investigative purposes." According to Fox News, civil rights organizations and more than "100 Amazon employees [have] demanded...that the company stop selling the facial-

recognition software to law enforcement agencies.”

Hackers Are Selling Law Firms’ Network Info On The Dark Web.

[CNBC](#)   (7/12, Schlesinger, Day) reports hackers are selling access to law firms’ networks and files, according to cybersecurity firm Q6 Cyber. CEO Eli Dominitz said, “If you’re a law firm that’s involved in major transactions, [mergers & acquisitions] of publicly traded companies, you’re going to have a lot of sensitive information, inside information before it becomes publicly available.” If hackers were able to access that, he said, “I can trade that and manipulate stocks and make a lot of money.”

THURSDAY'S LEAD STORIES

- [Boston Police Increases Bike Units In Parks, Playgrounds.](#)
- [FBI Helping In Search For Missing Virginia Beach Mother.](#)
- [Australian Police Shut Down Smuggling Ring Using Students, Tourists To Hide Drugs In Potato Chip Packets, Wine Bottles.](#)
- [Search On For Suspect Who Shot At Authorities During Pursuit.](#)
- [Hacker Attempted To Sell Air Force Documents On Dark Web For \\$150.](#)

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POLICING & POLICY

Assam Police Begin Fining Violators Of Tobacco Control Law.

[United News of India](#) (7/10) reports the Assam Police have started "fining violators of COTPA, 2003, including people smoking in public places, direct or indirect advertising and sale to/by minors." Violations also include "sale within 100 yards of schools and pictorial warnings on all tobacco product packaging (currently 85% of pack area)." Sambandh Health Foundation (SHF) refreshed the police on COTPA. Also reporting on the fines are the [Press Trust of India](#) (7/11) and the [Shillong \(IND\) Times](#) (7/10)

Burlington, North Carolina Police Implement NIBRS.

The [Burlington \(NC\) Times-News](#) (7/10) reports that "the Burlington Police Department is the first in North Carolina to implement a new crime reporting system, the department said Tuesday, July 10." The Times-News explains that "this system, known today as National Incident-Based Reporting System, gathers more comprehensive data by expanding what is reported, details about crimes and relationships of victims to offenders." The Times-News says "Burlington police, working with the department's records system vendor, began preparing for the transition in January." The department said, "This transition is an important piece of the Burlington Police Department's overall goal of Intelligence-Led Policing. ... ILP is using robust and accurate data to determine enforcement priorities in a scientific manner by which limited resources are better allocated to best protect the community."

COMMUNITY

Wayland, Massachusetts Police Department Offers To Collect Unwanted Guns.

The [Wayland \(MA\) Patch](#) (7/10, Arsenault) reports the Wayland Police Department has launched a new initiative to collect unwanted guns from town residents. The police "will advise on how to legally transfer an unwanted firearm to a firearms dealer, or the department will come to a home and safely remove all unwanted firearms." In an announcement, the police department said, "Our goal is to save lives and increase public safety....We believe that removing unwanted guns from homes will make Wayland safer."

Contributor Commends Philadelphia Police For Sending Recruits To African American History Museum.

Writing for [Philly \(PA\)](#) (7/10, Armstrong), Jenice Armstrong commends the Philadelphia Police Department for sending recruits to the Smithsonian's Museum of African American History and Culture in Washington, DC. Police Commissioner Richard Ross said, "I've always said we don't always get it right. What we strive to do is to get it better...I believe this trip can help some folks understand that."

FROM **IACP**

The IACP's Institute for Community Police Relations is hosting two training and technical assistance sessions on social media in law enforcement. Learn how to utilize the most popular platforms to strengthen police-community relations, increase transparency, and enhance investigations. Contact Audrey Eisemann eisemann@theiacp.org to sign up for the training in Portage, MI or to be added to the waitlist for the Alexandria, VA session.

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CRIME & DRUGS

New York City Murders On The Rise As Overall Crime Rate Falls.

The [Wall Street Journal](#) [!\[\]\(003082e50e3009141f59bd5df831749f_img.jpg\)](#) [!\[\]\(f439ede8735757e3190eab35e168f1de_img.jpg\)](#) (7/10, Honan, Subscription Publication) reports murders in New York City are on the rise this year, according to data from the New York Police Department. Although the overall crime rate has continued to fall over the previous year, the statistics showed 147 murders as of June 30th, representing an 8 percent increase over the same period in 2017.

FBI Investigates Woman's Death On Reservation.

The [AP](#) [!\[\]\(faf942dc3e59ce8eb64b4ac481eca7e0_img.jpg\)](#) [!\[\]\(f6b0299e0b5e4340e509b71914970da0_img.jpg\)](#) (7/10) reports that "the FBI is conducting a murder investigation after a woman was found dead on the Rocky Boy's Indian Reservation in north-central Montana." FBI spokeswoman Sandra Barker "says the woman's body was found on Saturday."

The [Great Falls \(MT\) Tribune](#) [!\[\]\(cf531ed27e91483460120fcc057b3901_img.jpg\)](#) [!\[\]\(34fde9b7c74442c0438f550a41236260_img.jpg\)](#) (7/10) reports that "Rocky Boy's Police Chief Larry Bernard said his officers will assist in the investigation, but that he could not provide any additional details regarding the woman's death." He said, "All I know is that it happened in Box Elder; it was a female, then after that the FBI showed up and they took over the case. ... I haven't heard anything else yet. I'd love to talk to you guys and I'd love to say things, but I can't because I've been informed to turn this case over to the FBI."

Secret Service Warns Of "Convincing" Counterfeit Bills In Tennessee.

The [Chattanooga \(TN\) Times Free Press](#) [!\[\]\(4b7a79268f6ba26c1471d4232fffa85a_img.jpg\)](#) [!\[\]\(87d978583253c9bde1db2d6dfafe8de0_img.jpg\)](#) (7/10) reports that the Secret Service advised the Dalton Police Department on Tuesday morning that "several convincing counterfeit bills had been passed at a Dalton business and more could be in circulation." Several "counterfeit \$50 bills were passed at the Dollar General store on Riverburch Parkway in Dalton sometime in the month of June, according to Secret Service investigators."

Dayton, Ohio Park Closed, Police Searching For Woman's Body.

The [Dayton \(OH\) Daily News](#) [!\[\]\(b4eeff342f60cc7bcd67d869b4fedca2_img.jpg\)](#) [!\[\]\(7cbfaf281ed50ce10ba1259f16ecca5e_img.jpg\)](#) (7/10) reports that "the search today of a local park is in connection with the disappearance of Chelsey Coe, Miamisburg Police Chief John Sedlak confirmed this afternoon." The Daily News says the search is expected to take three days and "Miamisburg police, the FBI and cadaver dogs are on the scene at Sugarcreek MetroPark, which is closed to the public." The report says that "on May 1, Coe's last-known address on Lower Miamisburg Road was raided and excavated." Authorities said "more than a dozen FBI, Ohio BCI, Miamisburg police and crews from the south suburban Tactical Crime Suppression Unit were part of that search."



Also reporting are [WXIX-TV](#) [!\[\]\(4f6bf54ae7e4144a72d78316053e412d_img.jpg\)](#) [!\[\]\(1be454ab98bc856a53cc962da77a541d_img.jpg\)](#) Cincinnati (7/10) and [WDTN-TV](#) [!\[\]\(c0149066729715e1f65b56e37efafeee_img.jpg\)](#) [!\[\]\(44211123bbd9216afa358c226e756ccd_img.jpg\)](#) Dayton, OH (7/10).

TECHNOLOGY



Continuing Coverage: Orlando Police To Resume Testing Of Recognition Pilot.

In continuing coverage, [CNET News](#) [!\[\]\(1f56542a42e2413e44a2b2023033aa2e_img.jpg\)](#) [!\[\]\(f68284289fe27ddc7c7b21cde471c330_img.jpg\)](#) (7/10, Zhou) reports the Orlando Police Department last week announced "plans to restart tests of controversial facial recognition software made by Amazon after complaints about privacy prompted the department to halt the program last month." CNET adds that "the Florida law enforcement agency will test the software, called Rekognition, with eight city-owned cameras, the department confirmed in an email." [Gizmodo](#) [!\[\]\(422d5b9f9ba3e618ff84327faa03f0b1_img.jpg\)](#) [!\[\]\(1f62ea705694bcbeaffcca6e2ab5056e_img.jpg\)](#) (7/10, Fussell) says OPD's decision "is sure to reignite concerns of privacy and civil liberties advocates who have pushed back against law enforcement's use of the technology." Gizmodo adds "concerns raised by activists, politicians, and Amazon worker[s] following" a recent ACLU report also "remain unaddressed by either Amazon or the OPD."

The Atlantic Profiles Linguist Working With Police To Catch Child Predators Online.

[The Atlantic](#)   (7/10) profiles Tim Grant, a linguist who helps to train undercover officers to impersonate young girls online in order to catch child predators “grooming” children online. Grant “and a colleague also helped establish a three-month distance-learning course for officers, part of which trains them to assume the identity of a 14-year-old girl”

DOJ Settles Lawsuit, Will Not Prevent 3D Printer Gun Files From Being Shared.

In a 4,000-word article, [Wired](#)   (7/10, Fisher) reports the Department of Justice has settled a lawsuit with Cody Wilson, who created and distributed 3D files which can be used to print pieces involved in the home manufacturing of guns. Wilson argued, “If code is speech, the constitutional contradictions are evident...So what if this code is a gun?” Wilson had sued the government for attempting to stop the transmission of these files, on the grounds that the action infringed on his right to free speech and right to bear arms.

TUESDAY'S LEAD STORIES

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POLICING & POLICY



Rise In RI Motorcycle Fatalities Leads State Police To Issue Safety Advisory.



The [Providence \(RI\) Journal](#)   (7/9, Perry) reports that the rise in motorcycle fatalities in Rhode Island has prompted state police to urge "motorcyclists to be careful, comply with rules of the road, and use helmets, even though most Rhode Island (RI) motorcyclists aren't required by law to wear them." In a press release, RI State Police Col. Ann Assumpico said, "We are extremely concerned about this increase in motorcycle fatalities, especially given that we're in the peak season for motorcycle riding." Assumpico added, "We strongly encourage all motorcycle riders and passengers to wear helmets and protective equipment. We also remind other motorists to be watchful for motorcyclists." According to the RI state police, NHTSA statistics show that nationwide the number of motorcycle fatalities nationwide increased by nearly 60 percent over the last 20 years.

Tacoma Police Officer Honored For Actions On October 1.



The [Tacoma \(WA\) News Tribune](#)   (7/9, Ocker, Martin) reports Tacoma police officer Aaron McNeely "was awarded the Medal of Valor, the Tacoma Police Department's highest award, on July 2" after "treating at least 10 of the more than 850 people wounded in the" October 1 shooting.

Police Find No Children In Arizona Office Building Involved In ICE Transfers.

The [Arizona Republic](#)   (7/9, Philip) reports that in June, police were called to a vacant office building in Phoenix, Arizona, "where separated [im]migrant children may have been held by a U.S. defense contractor" called MVM, Inc., "but officers found no children." Police spokesman Sgt. Vince Lewis said, "Phoenix police officers confirmed that the company...was contracted by ICE to perform transfers. ... Officers did not observe children, nor 'inspect' the facility." On Monday, Phoenix Councilwoman Kate Gallego said "police had returned to the facility over the weekend, after a media report raised questions about whether MVM had held [im]migrant children separated from their parents there," the article says. The piece notes that the "Health and Human Service's Office of Refugee Resettlement...awarded MVM an \$8 million contract to provide 'emergency support services,' according to federal contract data."

The [AP](#)   (7/9) reports Arizona politicians "have asked authorities to investigate" the facility, with Gallego saying the location is unsafe for children because it is not licensed for child care.

Police Checkpoints Contribute To Drop In Traffic Deaths In New York City.



The [New York Times](#)   (7/9, Nir) reports that in the first six months of 2018, New York City had the fewest number of traffic deaths, 81. Fatalities fell in almost every mode of transportation, with the exception of motorcycle deaths, which increased slightly. The decline in traffic deaths were attributed to the city's Vision Zero program. New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio said, "We will never rest on our laurels, and will keep fighting for the safety of our fellow New Yorkers," adding that the Senate's "failure to act on speed cams puts this progress, and the lives of school children, at risk." Bill Ferraro, President of the Brooklyn chapter of the American Bikers Aimed Toward Education, a motorcycle advocacy group, said the city needs to do more to protect motorcyclists. The article mentions that the city has increased motorcycle enforcement with the Warm Weather Weekends initiative, where police checkpoints are set up to reduce reckless driving.

Nottinghamshire, UK Police Pilot "Misogyny Hate Crime Policy."

[BBC News Online \(UK\)](#)   (7/9) reports the Nottinghamshire Police in the United Kingdom have piloted a "misogyny hate crime policy," which treats misogynistic behavior such as harassment and sexual assault directed towards women as hate crime. "The policy does not criminalise anything that was previously legal, and anything criminal is covered by existing legislation." Nottingham University Professor Louise Mullany, who was involved in the pilot program's adoption, said, "we were really shocked at how high the figures were in terms of people reporting the more serious end of crime, and that becoming part of a regular occurrence."



COMMUNITY

Indiana To Offer Free Handheld Metal Detectors To Schools.

[WANE-TV](#)   Fort Wayne, IN (7/9) reports that Governor Eric Holcomb announced that "through a new program the government will offer free handheld metal detectors to schools that want them." WANE says "the program will make one handheld metal detector device available for every 250 students in traditional public, charter and accredited non-public schools." The Indiana State Police and the Department of Administration will coordinate the program and those schools "that order are expected to receive them in time for the upcoming school year in mid-August." Holcomb said, "Controlling what comes into our school buildings is just one important part of keeping our schools safe, and our efforts to assist school corporations must be ongoing and evolving."

CRIME & DRUGS

FBI Investigates Philadelphia Bank Robberies.


[WTXF-TV](#)   Philadelphia (7/9) reports that the FBI and Philadelphia police "are investigating a rash of bank robberies." The FBI "says in each of the bank robberies Monday morning the suspect fled the bank and headed to the parking lot where he got into a red SUV and made his escape."



Las Vegas, Nevada Police Investigating Handling Of LVCVA Gift Cards.

The [Las Vegas Review-Journal](#)   (7/9, German) reports "Las Vegas police are conducting a criminal investigation into the handling of \$90,000 worth of Southwest Airlines gift cards secretly purchased by the Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority." Police are examining "possible theft and embezzlement charges." Clark County Commissioner Lawrence Weekly said, "It's bothersome, but when the law gets involved, you want to do the right thing. ... We're just making sure that everybody answers whatever questions that need to be answered."



TECHNOLOGY

Law Enforcement's Use Of Amazon Recognition Highlighted.

[Geek](#)   (7/9, Mlot) reports law enforcement's use of facial-recognition technology, "understandably, has conjured a sort of Orwellian 'Big Brother' impression across the country, where folks are concerned that ever-evolving facial recognition technology may not always be accurate." Amazon, Microsoft, and Facebook are developing the technology, and Amazon "has controversially lent its Recognition software to police departments in an effort to 'enable database matches.'" However, Geek says facial recognition isn't without "its upsides," as "the technology helped Maryland police arrest a suspect in last month's Capital Gazette newsroom shooting."

[Entrepreneur Magazine](#)   (7/9, Field) provides an overview of artificial intelligence and says that while it "may sound futuristic and scary," Amazon generally believes "the benefits of AI outweigh the risk." Amazon has marketed its Rekognition service to law enforcement, but critics have "argued it could easily be misused and harm marginalized people." However, AWS GM of AI Dr. Matt Wood said, "We believe it is the wrong approach to impose a ban on promising new technologies because they might be used by bad actors for nefarious purposes in the future. ... The world would be a very different place if we had restricted people from buying computers because it was possible to use that computer to do harm."



Newsday Highlights Technological Advancements In Policing.

In a 920-word article, [Newsday \(NY\)](#)   (7/9, Haggerty, Rizer) reviews the advances in technology police officers throughout the US are employing. The article highlights police robots which kill shooters with bombs, drones fitted with cameras and stun

guns, and surveillance bots “with facial recognition and license-plate-scanning ability.” Newsday writes that “the challenge of this new era of police technology will be to respect civil liberties and maximize the good applications of emerging tech while minimizing its scarier uses.”



NATIONAL SECURITY

Lopez Obrador To Create New Police Force To Patrol Mexico’s Borders.

[Bloomberg News](#)   (7/9, Cattan) reports that “after months of Donald Trump’s controversial clampdown on immigration, Mexico’s President-elect Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador is planning his own border police force to stop undocumented immigrants, drugs and guns from crossing into the country from Central America.” Alfonso Durazo, who Lopez Obrador has chosen to be his chief of public security, said “the police corps will be sizable...and will be deployed to Mexico’s northern border as well.” Durazo said the new police force’s responsibilities “includ[e] stopping undocumented migrants and human traffickers from crossing into Mexico, which Durazo says often takes place with the help of corrupt officials.”

Britain Suggests Russia Behind Latest Nerve Agent Case.

The [New York Times](#)   (7/9, Pérez-Peña) reports British police “scoured the area around Salisbury, England, for a container of a deadly chemical weapon on Monday, as high-ranking British officials suggested for the first time that Russia was probably responsible for a second set of nerve agent poisonings in the region.” British officials have said that a couple who were sickened this month “had been poisoned with the same powerful nerve agent used in March, a few miles away, against a former Russian spy and his daughter. But while government officials have accused the Kremlin of responsibility for the first poisonings, until Monday they refrained from assigning blame for the second, though they acknowledged a strong possibility that the two were related.”

[USA Today](#)   (7/9, Onyanga-Omara), meanwhile, reports that a Kremlin spokesman “expressed condolences over the death of a British woman who was poisoned by a Soviet-developed nerve agent.” Spokesman Dmitry Peskov said Moscow “is deeply concerned over the continuous cases of these poison elements” in Britain, but cautioned that linking Russia to the poisoning would be “absurd.”

MONDAY’S LEAD STORIES

- [US Police Cracking Down On Social Media Threats In Wake Of Parkland Massacre.](#)
- [Police In Colorado Engage In Safety Campaign To Reduce Auto-Pedestrian Fatalities.](#)
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OFFICER SAFETY & WELLNESS

Texas Officer Hospitalized After Coming Into Contact With Fentanyl-Laced Flyer.

The [Houston Chronicle](#) (6/26, Jordan) reports, "A sergeant with the Harris County Sheriff's Office was hospitalized Tuesday after coming in contact with a fentanyl-laced paper flyer, authorities said." The flyer "was one of several placed on nearly a dozen sheriff's office vehicles at HCSO's recruitment and criminal investigations center at 601 Lockwood Drive in east Houston, according to Harris County Sheriff Ed Gonzalez." The hospitalized sergeant "came across the flyer on her windshield Tuesday afternoon as she left work, Gonzalez said." After touching the flyer, she "started to feel light-headed and showed other fentanyl-related symptoms." The sergeant was "rushed to the hospital and is expected to survive as authorities investigate the flyers' origination."

POLICING & POLICY

Inspector General Report: Women Underrepresented In Key Jobs At US Law Enforcement Agencies.

The [Washington Post](#) (6/26, Barrett) reports that female agents at the FBI, DEA, ATF and Marshals Service are "still distinct minorities in the ranks of law enforcement, according to a new audit that also found women are rarely promoted to key jobs at the nation's premier law enforcement agencies." Justice Department Inspector General Michael E. Horowitz issued a report Tuesday "detailing stark differences between how women and men are employed in federal law enforcement." For example, in 2016, "women comprised just 16 percent of criminal investigators employed at the agencies — even though women account for 57 percent of the rest of the agencies' workforce." The numbers "vary by agency." At the FBI, "about 1 in 5 special agents are women." At the 29 largest "FBI field offices, seven were led by women but only in two of the years studied." [The Hill](#) (6/26) reports that the inspector general "conducted more than 130 individual interviews and 57 focus groups for its report." The review "found that investigators were told on multiple occasions that there is a 'glass ceiling' for the women" at the agencies.

The [Wall Street Journal](#) (6/26, Gurman, Subscription Publication) reports that an FBI official wrote in the agency's response to the review, "We agree it is important, in order to address the concerns and negative perceptions related to gender equity...for the FBI to identify and address any barriers for women in hiring and promotion activities."

US Senators Urge President To Back Criminal Justice Reform Bill.



The [Washington Times](#) (6/26, Swayer) reports that there is bipartisan support on Capitol Hill for criminal justice reform. US Senate Judiciary Chairman Chuck Grassley and Senate Minority Whip Dick Durbin, are hoping to win the President Donald Trump's support for "their bipartisan legislation to reform prisons and alter mandatory prison sentencing." The measure "would reduce mandatory minimum sentences for low level, nonviolent offenders and would also include programs to help low-risk inmates return to the community." In addition, the legislation would give judges "discretion to lower sentences if the defendants cooperate with police during an investigation." The Times adds that the bill does "implement mandatory sentences for terrorism, domestic violence crimes and offenses related to the opioid crisis."

FBI Offers Insights Into "Pre-Attack Behaviors" Of Mass Shooters.



The [Springfield \(MA\) Republican](#) (6/26) reports that a new FBI release "offers insights into the behaviors and backgrounds

of gunmen in past mass shootings, with the hope of finding ways to prevent future massacres.” The report “is authored by James Silver, an assistant professor of criminal justice at Worcester State University, and two FBI agents, Andres Simons and Sarah Craun, of the Behavioral Analysis Unit.” The report says that, by “articulating the concrete, observable pre-attack behaviors of many active shooters, the FBI hopes to make these warning signs more visible and easily identifiable.”



US Border Agents Arrest More Than 5,000 With Criminal Records This Year.

The [Daily Mail \(UK\)](#)   (6/26, White) reports, “Hundreds of gang members and more than 5,000 convicted criminals were arrested trying to sneak back into the U.S. in just eight months,” and “they included 505 confirmed members of violent groups MS-13, 18th Street gang, and the Mexican Mafia hoping to rejoin their organizations.” The Daily Mail adds, “Last week six violent criminals were detained for deportation after crossing the border, including a convicted murder and pedophile.” Border Patrol “was able to identify the criminals and gang members by searching CBP and FBI biometric databases.”

Texas Lawmakers Hear Testimony On Possible Red-Flag Gun Law.

The [Houston Chronicle](#)   (6/25, Marfin) reports, “Experts described to Texas lawmakers Monday how current laws that allow the authorities to remove weapons from dangerous people don’t work well, are rarely applied and need improvement.” The hearing in front of the House Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence “came nearly a month after Gov. Greg Abbott urged state lawmakers to look into red-flag laws as part of his 43-page school and firearm safety plan.” Several individuals that testified “argued that current protective order laws are insufficient to protect families in such cases.” Harris County District Judge Judy Wayne “said lawmakers should consider creating a government-supervised place for gun surrender.”





US To Provide Up To \$110 Million For Tribal Crime Victims.

The [AP](#)   (6/26) reports US Federal officials “said Tuesday they plan to make up to \$110 million available to tribes seeking to support victims of domestic violence, assault, drug trafficking and other crimes amid an opioid crisis that has hit tribal communities especially hard.” US figures “show a fivefold increase in overdose deaths between 1999 and 2015 among Native Americans – the largest increase for any group in that time span,” and “more than half of Native American women in a National Institute of Justice survey released two years ago said they had been victims of sexual and domestic violence.” Justice Department director of opioid enforcement and prevention Mary Daly called the numbers “staggering,” and added that “Tribes and other communities across the country are suffering.”

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COMMUNITY

New London Police To Host Coffee With A Cop.



The [New London \(CT\) Patch](#)   (6/26) reports New London residents “are invited to join officers from the New London Police Department on Friday, June 29, from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. at Muddy Waters Cafe (42 Bank Street) to discuss community issues, build relationships and drink coffee.” The Coffee with a Cop event “provides a unique opportunity for community members to ask questions and learn more about the department’s tireless work in their community.” Captain Brian M. Wright said the event “breaks down barriers and allows for relaxed, one-on-one interactions with officers.”

CRIME & DRUGS


Dozens Charged With Selling Drugs On Dark Web.

The [New York Times](#)   (6/26, Benner, Frenkel, Subscription Publication) reports the Justice Department on Tuesday announced that “more than 35 people were charged with selling drugs on the so-called dark web,” marking “the first time that federal prosecutors made the sellers of illegal goods their primary focus rather than the operators of illicit online marketplaces.” According to the Times, investigators “seized opioids, cocaine and other drugs, more than 100 guns and assault rifles, a grenade launcher and five cars in a broad federal inquiry in which prosecutors opened more than 90 cases.” Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein said in a statement, “Criminals who think that they are safe on the dark net are wrong. We can expose their networks.”

FBI Warns Consumers About Online Car Shopping.



[NBC Nightly News](#)   (6/26) reported, “Now a new consumer warning from the FBI. Beware when you’re shopping for a car online. Thieves are advertising cars that they don’t own, and once you pay, they run off with your money.” Correspondent Miguel Almaguer said, “With more than 30,000 complaints and \$54 million stolen, the thieves are posting cars with verifiable VIN numbers, but once cash is wired, the thief is gone. Even websites like this fake one for Edmunds.com is easy to mistake for the real one.”



New Academic Data Shows US Hate Crimes Continued Rising In 2017.

[CBS News](#)   (6/26, Levin, Nolan, Reitzel) reports that a team of academic researchers which “specialize in analyzing and forecasting hate crime trends” have collected new 2017 police data ahead of published FBI totals, which “currently covers hate crimes only up to 2016.” The researchers found that “hate crime totals for the 10 largest [US] cities rose for four straight years to the highest level in a decade.” In 2017, “data show that hate crimes rose 12 percent over 2016 levels in 38 of the largest cities.” There were “1,038 hate crimes in the nation’s 10 largest cities – the highest in more than a decade.”

TECHNOLOGY



New Genetic Genealogy Technique Helps Crack 1992 Cold Case Murder.

[ABC World News Tonight](#)   (6/26) reported on “the stunning development in the murder of a sixth grade teacher 25 years ago. Tonight, an arrest, and authorities say they used a family genealogy website to make that arrest.” Correspondent Linsey Davis said, “Raymond Rowe, known as DJ Freez...now under arrest for the murder of Christy Mirack, a sixth grade teacher who was sexually assaulted and strangled in her Lancaster home back in 1992.” She added, “Investigators say they used the same technology that cracked the case of the Golden State Killer.”

[Philly \(PA\)](#)   (6/26, Swenson) reports that Lancaster District Attorney Craig Stedman “explained at a news conference on Monday, the science – as well as a piece of chewing gum and water bottle collected in an undercover operation at an elementary school party – [that] led to the arrest” of Rowe in the 25-year cold case murder of Mirack. Philly reports that what eventually pointed “investigators in the right direction was genetic genealogy, a new technique that has shocked life back into numerous cold case investigations in just a short period of time.”

NATIONAL SECURITY

Russian Police Evacuate Venues In World Cup Host City Following Bomb Threats.

[Reuters](#)   (6/26) reports, “Russian police said early on Wednesday they had received multiple bomb threats in the World Cup host city of Rostov-on-Don, causing bars and restaurants to be evacuated across the city.” The local police released a statement that said they had “received a series of phone calls about explosives planted at locations in Rostov-on-Don,” and police “made all the necessary checks and no dangerous objects were found.” Reuters adds that Russia “was subject to a wave of hoax bomb threats last summer, causing disruption at businesses and public buildings in towns and cities across the country.”

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POLICING & POLICY

US Federal School Safety Commission To Meet In Kentucky.

[WEKU-FM](#) (6/25, Barton) reports US Federal education officials "will be in Lexington on Tuesday to hear recommendations about how to make schools safer." The panel is led by Education Secretary Betsy DeVos and "also includes Attorney General Jeff Sessions, Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar and Homeland Security Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen." WEKU-FM adds, "This is the second meeting of the commission. Last week it visited an elementary school in Hanover, Maryland."

Report Shows US Human Trafficking Prosecutions Increased Through 2015.

The [Washington Free Beacon](#) (6/25, Lehman) reports that human trafficking prosecutions "rose through 2015, a just-released report from the Bureau of Justice Statistics reveals." In 2015, "1,923 suspects were referred for prosecution for human trafficking offenses, an increase of 41 percent from 2011." In 2015, "the agency most likely to refer individuals for human trafficking prosecution was the FBI, with 52 percent of referrals."

Following Officer's Death, Milwaukee Officials Spread Word About Pursuit Policy.



The [Milwaukee Journal Sentinel](#) (6/25) reports that, following the death of a Milwaukee police officer, city officials want the public to know that they will still pursue fleeing vehicles. Police Chief Alfonso Morales said, "We're going to chase you." Drivers "have an obligation to pull over whether they have a license or not." If they "don't stop, police will seek felony charges from prosecutors for those who flee, he said." Officer Charles Irvine Jr. was "killed June 7 after the squad he was in crashed on the city's northwest side during a pursuit of a reckless driver," and his partner, Matthew Schulze, "was driving and also was injured in the rollover crash." The fleeing driver, Ladell Harrison, "has been charged with 11 felonies and was bound over for trial last week." Prosecutors "say Harrison had his 5-year-old son in the car when he reached speeds of nearly 100 mph."

US Supreme Court Allows Lawsuit Against Officer For Use Of Force.

The [Los Angeles Times](#) (6/25, Savage) reports the US Supreme Court on Monday "allowed parents to press ahead with a lawsuit against a Sonoma County sheriff's deputy who shot and killed their 13-year-old son as he walked on a sidewalk carrying a plastic pellet gun." The justices "without comment or dissent denied the county's appeal seeking immunity for the officer," which "clears the way for the parents' wrongful-death suit to go before a jury." The Times adds that, in recent years, the Supreme Court has "shielded law enforcement officers from similar lawsuits alleging excessive force by extending a rule adopted in the 1980s that gave government officials 'qualified immunity' from being sued over constitutional violations unless they did something that the court already had clearly defined as illegal and unconstitutional."

Nevada Receives Justice Department Grant To Reimburse Overtime Costs Following Mass Shooting.

The [Las Vegas Review-Journal](#) (6/25, Martin) reports US Attorney General Jeff Sessions announced Monday that "Nevada will receive full reimbursement from the federal government for overtime costs through a Justice Department program that helps states and communities with extraordinary events, like the Oct. 1 mass shooting." Senator Dean Heller said the full reimbursement will benefit first responders, saying, "They selflessly ran toward danger, chaos, and uncertainty in order to help



others, and as a result they saved many lives on that horrific October night.” The [Las Vegas Sun](#)   (6/25, Akers) reports the Department of Justice awarded Nevada over \$2 million on Monday, which “supplements \$1 million Nevada received in October.”

RCMP Vows To Improve Cultural Awareness On Indigenous Issues.

The [Globe and Mail \(CAN\)](#)   (6/25) reports RCMP Commissioner Brenda Lucki “apologized to the families of missing and murdered Indigenous women Monday while pledging improved relations with aboriginal communities.” Lucki testified in Regina at the national inquiry into missing and murdered Indigenous women. Lucki “said the RCMP have made changes to the cadet training curriculum to include more Indigenous material.” One of the added training modules “includes a scenario involving an 18-year-old Indigenous girl whose backstory is constructed from testimony heard at the inquiry.” Lucki “said that she wants the cadets to get exposure to those situations.” Another part of the training is an aboriginal and First Nations awareness course that is “mandatory for cadets to take within two years.” Commissioner Lucki “added the RCMP has to work to have better trust with the communities they serve,” which “includes being more inclusive and more tolerant.”

CRIME & DRUGS



US Officials Decry “Alarming” Surge In Cocaine Production.

The [Washington Times](#)   (6/25, Howell) reports, “It’s not just opioids – the White House on Monday said surging coca cultivation in Colombia is sending more cocaine across the border, fueling US overdose deaths.” According to the Office of National Drug Control Policy, “potential cocaine production shot up 19 percent – from 772 metric tons in 2016 to 921 tons in 2017.” ONDCP Director Jim Carroll said, “There’s no sugar-coating things here – this is just not where we want cocaine production to be.”




Albanian Police Seize 3.4 Million Euros In Drug Profits From Vehicle.

[Reuters](#)   (6/25) reports Albanian police “seized 3.4 million euros (\$3.97 million) in cash hidden in two cars on a trailer that arrived in the port of Durres from Belgium, a stash Albania’s opposition leader said was linked to drug gangsters.” Police “said on Monday they were alerted last week about the number plate of a trailer with the undeclared cash that would arrive at the weekend on an Adriatic ferry in Durres.” The national police added that they have “credible data showing the shipment had been ordered by two citizens currently at large that we are looking for.”

New Zealand Police Make Arrests In Operation Targeting Meth.



The [New Zealand Herald](#)   (6/26) reports, “Police believe Operation Ghost – which concluded on Thursday with the arrest of 11 men and 13 women, ranging in age from 18 to 57 – put a significant dent in methamphetamine dealing in Northland.” The arrests, and seizures of drugs, money, firearms, and stolen property, “concluded an eight-month investigation targeting meth dealers, with dozens of search warrants executed over three days last week, including in Kawakawa, Moerewa, Kaikohe, Kaitaia and Awanui, with more expected.” Whangarei Area Commander Inspector Justin Rogers is quoted as saying, “This is an outstanding result. These people were actually dealing in misery in our community, and it will put a significant dent in those people.” Rogers added that drug problems are a “community issue,” and the police “will not be able to arrest ourselves out of this problem.” He said that police will also “provide assistance and referrals to those who are addicted to methamphetamine and need help.”

Trinitarios Street Gang Blamed For “Savage” Machete Murder Of New York Teenager.

[Fox News](#)   (6/24) reports, “Multiple people have been arrested in connection with the ‘brutal’ murder of a 15-year-old boy in New York City, the New York Police Department said Sunday.” Fox News cites police sources that said that “five people were arrested in the slaying of Lesandro ‘Junior’ Guzman-Feliz in the Bronx.” The attack allegedly stemmed from a case of “mistaken identity,” as members of the Trinitarios gang “reportedly apologized to Guzman-Feliz’s family and said, ‘It wasn’t supposed to be him.’” Surveillance footage “published by the Post showed Guzman-Feliz being dragged from the store by his attackers, who were seen stabbing the teen repeatedly with a machete.” NYPD Chief Terence Monahan “described Guzman-Feliz’s murder as ‘among the most brutal crimes I’ve seen in my 36yr career.’” The [New York Post](#)   (6/25, Feis) reports the “savage execution” was “business as usual” for the “bloodthirsty Trinitarios street gang.” The Post says the “primarily Dominican gang was born out of the violence of Rikers Island, founded behind its bars in 1992 by three inmates.” The gang is “concentrated in the Bronx and upper Manhattan,” and “recruit[s] heavily in the hardscrabble hallways of city public high schools.” They seek to “maintain a young membership, averaging in the teens or early 20s, police sources said.”

TECHNOLOGY

Arizona Department Of Transportation Uses Facial Recognition Technology To Track Down Felon.

The [Arizona Daily Star](#)   (6/25) reports that Sandro Tentory “was arrested earlier this month on suspicion of forgery and for a prior felony arrest warrant,” after Arizona Department of Transportation detectives “used facial recognition technology” to determine that Tentory “had two Arizona driver’s licenses under false names.” Tentory “also had an outstanding FBI felony arrest warrant for weapons violations,” and “according to the FBI, Tentory was a documented gang member from Chicago.”

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POLICING & POLICY

Law Enforcement, Lawmakers Voice Frustration Over Change To iPhone Settings.

The [Washington Free Beacon](#) (6/14, Kugle) reports that US Sen. Tom Cotton (R-AR) on Thursday "castigated Apple for closing a technological loophole that law enforcement agencies used to get information from locked iPhones, suggesting that the tech giant's decision gives precedence to 'criminals and terrorists' over 'the safety of the American people.'" [Business Insider](#) (6/14, Kanter) reports that New York FBI's cyber division chief Aristedes Mahairas "has voiced frustration with big tech companies, such as Apple and Facebook, for making it harder for law enforcement to investigate crime." Mahairas had told Business Insider during an interview last month that "every phone that is encrypted that potentially has evidence on it, that we cannot action, that represents at least one victim."

Law Enforcement, Genetic-Testing Companies Engaged In Battle Over Users' Privacy. [Bloomberg News](#) (6/14, Brown) reports, "Consumer genetic-testing services are wrestling with a new threat to users' privacy: detectives hauling a dragnet through their DNA. In April, investigators arrested a suspect in the decades-old case of the Golden State Killer after sifting through online genetic data. The arrest has set off one of the most vigorous recent debates about privacy in the digital age." In 2016, Apple Inc. "refused a request from the Federal Bureau of Investigation to unlock an iPhone recovered from one of the perpetrators of a mass shooting." Some of the "largest genetic-testing companies have staked out positions similar to the stand taken by Apple, promising to safeguard consumer information from investigators."

Denver Police To Start Collecting Racial Data On Traffic Stops.

[CNN](#) (6/14, Elkin, Baldacci) reports Denver police will soon be "required to take note of the person's ethnicity" after they conduct a traffic stop in order to study if "police show racial bias in stops." Denver "joins cities across the United States that have implemented such programs, including Los Angeles, New York, Chicago and Boston." Officers "will be required to fill out a list of more than 30 questions whenever they pull someone over, Denise Maes, public policy director of the ACLU of Colorado, told CNN." Denver police will "begin as a three-month pilot program in one police district, then be evaluated to see how it works before being launched citywide."

New Jersey Begins Accepting Legal Sports Bets.

The [AP](#) (6/14) reports, "New Jersey's Division of Gaming Enforcement issued its sports betting regulations on Wednesday, and the activity is subject to numerous consumer protections." A casino in Atlantic City is the "first casino to jump into the sports betting market since New Jersey won a Supreme Court case a month ago clearing the way for all 50 states to offer it should they choose," while "online sports betting will not start for at least 30 days in New Jersey."

Military Helping Train Police In Rio De Janeiro.



The [AP](#) (6/13, Prengaman) reports, "A military intervention in Rio de Janeiro state includes seeking private donations for cash-strapped police forces, ordering officers to put away their smartphones while patrolling and encouraging businesses to invest because security is improving, the general in charge of the mission said Wednesday." Gen. Walter Souza Braga Netto "said 375 motorcycles had been donated to the police, and the military was repairing police vehicles and had provided three armored cars to an elite squad of officers known by the Portuguese acronym BOPE."



Calgary Police Break Ground On New Arrest Processing Centre.

[CBC \(CAN\)](#)   (6/14) reports the Calgary Police Service “broke ground Thursday on the new Spyhill Services Centre, which will replace the arrest processing unit downtown.” The new 49,000 square-foot building “will help to ensure that detainees can be held safely and securely,” according to Minister of Justice and Solicitor General Kathleen Ganley. The facility is “expected to be fully operational in January 2020.” The new building “will feature 47 individual holding cells – more than double the current facility – and the size of each cell will increase by at least 10 square feet.” The design “will allow juvenile and adult inmates to remain separate and there will be enhanced closed-circuit TV monitoring.”


CRIME & DRUGS

Massachusetts Law Enforcement Warns About Lack Of Enforcement Policies Ahead Of Marijuana Legalization.



The [Boston Globe](#)   (6/13) reports, “With the start of legal marijuana sales just weeks away, Massachusetts law enforcement leaders are warning that police have few tools to combat stoned drivers – and little understanding of how bad the problem actually is.” On Wednesday, a “new state commission tasked with studying drug-impaired driving and making recommendations to lawmakers met for the first time.” The commission, “which will also look at driving under the influence of drugs other than marijuana, immediately ran into obstacles that have long stymied efforts to understand and combat stoned driving.” One issue, is that there is no equivalent to a breathalyzer “for measuring how stoned a driver is.” Blood tests “can detect THC, the main psychoactive compound in cannabis, but they’re difficult to administer in the field, and it’s expensive and time consuming to bring in a suspect for testing – and in the meantime, the level of THC in the driver’s blood is dropping.” Another issue is that Massachusetts’ highest court, last September, “ruled that police officers who have not been qualified as experts cannot testify that a driver is under the influence of marijuana if the driver fails field sobriety tests, such as walking toe-to-heel, that were designed to measure alcohol impairment.” Less than 2,000 officers in Massachusetts have completed training programs for identifying drugged drivers, and, even so, those officers “may be limited in how they can testify in court” by judges and defense lawyers. The new commission “may consider recommending the Legislature mandate courts recognize the certifications.”

The [Boston Herald](#)   (6/14) reports, “State officials charged with coming up with detection and enforcement guidelines for marijuana-related drugged driving had more questions than answers at their first meeting yesterday, less than three weeks before pot is due to go on sale for recreational use.” Under current state law, “licensed companies can begin selling cannabis on July 1, but the work to implement a standard for preventing and detecting high drivers has just begun.” That Massachusetts Cannabis Control Commission “must report its recommendations to the state Legislature by Jan. 1.” The commission is “charged with recommending the best way to detect and, in many cases, prosecute impaired drivers.” The Herald says states across the US “have taken different approaches, including Washington state, which tests for the presence of THC in the blood of someone suspected of driving while high,” but those tests “are not easy to administer and are costly.” Walpole police Chief John Carmichael “said his department pays \$250 for each blood test it sends to be analyzed.”

Study Finds Dark Web Purchases Increased After Crackdown On Prescription Opioids.



The [Independent \(UK\)](#)   (6/13) reports, “Illicit online opioid purchases surged after the government cracked down on prescription painkillers, a new study has found.” The US DEA in 2014 “tightened restrictions around drugs containing hydrocodone,” and the change “made it more difficult to obtain and refill prescriptions for the widely user painkiller.” Following the crackdown, users flocked to the online dark web to purchase their drugs. In the years since the DEA crackdown, “the share of opioids sourced through 31 different ‘cryptomarkets’ – sales portals on the encrypted ‘dark web’ that allow anonymous online transactions – doubled, the study’s authors found.” The researchers from Boston Medical Center and Northeastern University “warned that overdoses from illicit drug use were soaring as opioid prescription rates fell, suggesting that the addiction epidemic was increasingly being fed by ‘less expensive, more available, and highly potent illicit market alternatives’ like heroin and fentanyl.”



US House Passes Bill Requiring Electronic Data On Foreign Packages.

The [Washington Times](#)   (6/14, Howell) reports that the US House of Representatives House voted on Thursday “to give the government a better chance to weed opioids such as deadly fentanyl out of mail coming in from overseas, taking more concrete action to try to halt the epidemic of dangerous drugs.” The bill “requires foreign shippers to submit electronic data about their

packages in advance of sending them” through the US Postal Service. FedEx and other private carriers “already submit electronic data on foreign parcels before they arrive at U.S. ports, yet only a portion of foreign posts provide it to the U.S. mail system.”

Hungarian Court Sentences Smugglers For 71 Suffocation Deaths.

The [AP](#)   (6/14, Gorondi) reports from Budapest, Hungary, “A Hungarian court on Thursday sentenced four human traffickers to 25 years in prison each for their roles in the 2015 case in which 71 migrants suffocated to death in the back of a refrigerated truck found on a highway in Austria.” According to the AP, “The principal defendant, an Afghan man, and three Bulgarian accomplices, were found guilty in the southern city of Kecskemet of being part of a criminal organization and committing multiple crimes, including human smuggling and murder,” and ten other defendants, “mostly Bulgarians, were given prison terms ranging between three and 12 years.” Three of the men convicted are fugitives, the AP notes.

The [New York Times](#)   (6/14, Bienvenu, Santora, Subscription Publication) reports that four “were found guilty of homicide and other charges, and were sentenced to 25 years in prison; 10 others were convicted on charges of smuggling and belonging to a criminal organization, and received sentences from three to 12 years. ‘They knew the truck was packed, they knew that families and mothers with children were in the truck and that the people inside could die,’ Judge Janos Jadi said. ‘They died in cruel circumstances, in a lot of suffering. But none of the defendants did anything.’”

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Registration is now open for the Annual IACP Training Conference on Drugs, Alcohol, and Impaired Driving (DAID), August 13-15, 2018 in Nashville, TN. The DAID Conference features a mix of plenary sessions and workshops designed to keep attendees up to date on the latest practice and science of impaired driving. This year, topics will include: emerging drug trends; the expanded use of Oral Fluid Testing for DUID; issues surrounding cannabis legalization; the opioid crisis; and many others.



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NATIONAL SECURITY

Coast Guard Carries Out Anti-Terrorism Training Exercise In California.

The [CBS Evening News](#)   (6/14, Evans) reported that the US “is trying to keep up with ever-changing terror threats, including attacks at sea,” and CBS was given access “to an assault force training mission off the California coast.” CBS (Evans) added, “From a hovering helicopter, a sniper takes out an enemy combatant, and this elite Coast Guard counter-terrorism team swings into action, rappelling to the deck and taking command of this ship.” CBS News “rode along for this elaborate training exercise off the coast of southern California, where would-be terrorists are mixing a deadly weapon too disperse on shore.” CBS added, “Roughly 13 million Americans are expected to take a cruise this year, and if a ship is taken by terrorists, this team responds.”

ALSO IN THE NEWS



Eiffel Tower Installing Bulletproof Glass Walls.

[ABC News](#)   (6/14, Pradier) reports the Eiffel Tower “will soon be surrounded with bulletproof glass walls to protect the iconic monument from terrorist threats.” Since the terror attacks that killed 130 people in Paris and Saint-Denis in 2015, the “iconic tower has been under constant surveillance.” French soldiers and police officers “patrol the site 24 hours a day.”

LAW ENFORCEMENT AT WORK

US Returns Stolen Columbus Letter To Vatican.

[Reuters](#)   (6/14, Pullella) reports from Vatican City, “A 525-year-old copy of a letter by Christopher Columbus that was stolen from the Vatican was returned on Thursday after joint sleuthing by U.S. Homeland Security agents and Holy See antiquity experts.” According to Reuters, “While still at sea returning to Europe in February, 1493 – four months after discovering the New World – Columbus penned a letter to Spain’s monarchs describing what he had found and laying the groundwork for his request to fund another voyage.” The original letter “was written in Spanish,” and a Latin translation “was manually printed in several copies and they became the main vehicle for spreading news of his find to the royal courts of Europe and the papacy.”

[CNN](#)   (6/14, Gallagher, Park) reports that after being translated into Latin, “several copies of the letter were dispersed across Europe,” and about 80 copies “have survived, with one going to the Vatican Library in 1921.” CNN adds, “It’s unclear when it was stolen from the Vatican’s collection and swapped with a forged copy, according to a statement from the US Embassy to the Holy See.” In 2011, “a researcher at the Vatican Library tipped off the US Department of Homeland Security that the letter might be a forgery, the embassy said,” and the department “contacted the Vatican, and an investigation began.” The original letter “was traced to Robert Parsons, an Atlanta actuary, who had bought it from a New York rare book dealer in 2004 for \$875,000, according to the embassy statement.”

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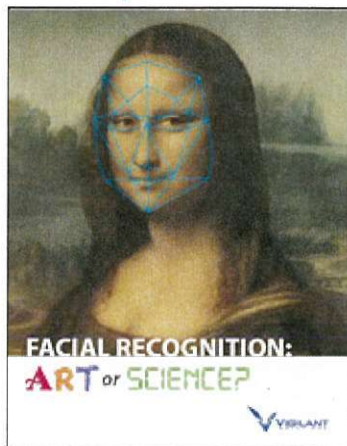
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Law Enforcement May Be Prevented From Accessing iPhones After Settings Update.

The [New York Times](#) (6/13, Nicas, Subscription Publication) reports Apple has "long positioned the iPhone as a secure device that only its owner can open," which has "led to battles with law enforcement officials who want to get information off them, including a well-publicized showdown with the F.B.I. in 2016 after Apple refused to help open the locked iPhone of a mass killer." The Times says Apple is now "closing the technological loophole that let authorities hack into iPhones, angering police and other officials and reigniting a debate over whether the government has a right to get into the personal devices that are at the center of modern life." Apple "said it was planning an iPhone software update that would effectively disable the phone's charging and data port...an hour after the phone is locked." The Times explains that such a change "would hinder law enforcement officials, who have typically been opening locked iPhones by connecting another device running special software to the port, often days or even months after the smartphone was last unlocked." [Reuters](#) (6/13, Menn) reports Apple "told Reuters it was aiming to protect customers in countries where police seize phones at will and all users from the risk that the attack technique will leak to spies and criminals."



The [Washington Post](#) (6/13, Timberg, Romm) reports Apple "said the change, which would disable the Lightning port on the bottom of iPhones an hour after users lock their phones, is part of software updates rolling out in the fall." The Post says the move "could reignite debate over whether tech companies are doing enough to help authorities probing serious crimes." The Post mentions that FBI officials "in particular have complained about what they call the 'Going Dark Problem' as encryption becomes increasingly widespread and robust across a range of consumer devices and services." Apple claims the change was not intended to thwart law enforcement, but rather to "strengthen the security protections in every Apple product to help customers defend against hackers, identity thieves and intrusions into their personal data." However, "some authorities almost certainly will see it as yet another barrier to carrying out their legally sanctioned investigations."

The [Wall Street Journal](#) (6/13, McMillan, Subscription Publication) reports the new software feature Apple will roll out is called USB Restricted mode, which prevents devices from accessing data through the iPhone's Lightning port an hour after a phone is last unlocked.



Nearly 300 Arrested In Mississippi Operation.

The [AP](#) (6/13) reports, "Nearly 300 people have been arrested in Mississippi as part of a federal, state and local initiative to cut crime." In a statement on Tuesday, the US Marshals Service's Gulf Coast Regional Fugitive Task Force "said it had recently completed a six-week effort in the Southern District of Mississippi, known as 'Operation Triple Beam,' resulting in the arrests of 270 people." 90 of the individuals arrested were gang members, "representing various affiliations including the Gangster Disciples, Vice Lords, Simon City Royals, Latin Kings and the Aryan Brotherhood." US Attorney General Jeff Sessions is quoted as saying, "When law enforcement officers work together, we get results. ... The arrest of more than 270 people – including 90 gang members – throughout the Southern District of Mississippi is the result of collaboration between federal officers and our state and local partners." [WDBD-TV](#) Jackson, MS (6/12) reports the teams of law enforcement "worked from Jackson to Biloxi, Meridian and Hattiesburg and back to Jackson, targeting violent fugitives, gang members and criminal offenders." Law enforcement also arrested eight individuals wanted for murder and 20 sex offenders.



NYPD Defends Use Of Gang Database.

The [New York Daily News](#)   (6/13, Parascandola, McShane, Hussain) reports NYPD Chief of Detectives Dermot Shea appeared before the City Council Committee on Public Safety on Wednesday and defended the department's use of its gang database, "calling it a 'misunderstood' and crucial investigative tool meant to save lives." Shea "said the NYPD was taking steps to make sure its list is current and to delete any wrongly included names from its database." He explained that the current database contains 17,441 names, which is "down from 34,000 after a four-year NYPD winnowing that reviewed every person listed." Shea is quoted as saying, "Our goal is to make sure that everyone who is in the database is actually a gang member. ... We are in the era of precision policing. Saturating the database with non-gang members limits its usefulness." He added that it would be "irresponsible for the department to not track members of gangs," and "noted...that 50% of last year's 789 city shootings involved a gang member as either the shooter or the victim."

New Jersey Governor Signs Six Gun Control Measures.

The [AP](#)   (6/12) reports, "New Jersey on Wednesday enacted a half-dozen new gun control laws, tightening its already strict statutes as advocates applauded and critics questioned whether they will achieve their aims." The new laws will "require mental health professionals to warn law enforcement if a patient threatens serious violence against themselves or others," allow for an "extreme risk protective order if a court deems someone poses a significant danger to themselves or others," mandate background checks for private gun sales, lower magazine capacity to 10 rounds, prohibit body-armor-penetrating ammunition, and require residents show a "justifiable need" to get a carry permit.



US Congress Members Take Part In "Stop The Bleed" Trainings.

[BuzzFeed](#)   (6/13) reports members of US Congress will engage in "Stop the Bleed" training sessions that are designed to "teach Capitol Hills staffers how to prevent victims from bleeding out." The workshops are "taking place in the capital of a nation where gun violence has dominated headlines and has also hit close to home; the first anniversary of the shooting at a Republican baseball practice is Thursday." The trainings will be hosted by the Gun Violence Prevention Task Force, with the "idea that people should be prepared to respond when shootings happen."



US Justice Department Increasing Efforts To Combat Discrimination Against Houses Of Worship.

[Reuters](#)   (6/13) reports the US Justice Department "said it is planning to ramp up efforts to bring more civil rights lawsuits against municipalities that try to discriminate against houses of worship." The initiative was announced "in conjunction with a new case filed against Woodcliff Lake, New Jersey, over allegations it illegally denied zoning approval to an Orthodox Jewish congregation seeking to build a synagogue." The initiative "aims to help the Justice Department's Civil Rights Division bring more cases against towns and others who use zoning laws to block churches, mosques or synagogues from building, renting or expanding houses of worship."

Criminals Escaping Punishment For Smuggling Phones Into Costa Rican Prisons.

[Business Insider](#)   (6/13) reports, "Cell phone trafficking in Costa Rica prisons has become a lucrative and rarely punished business, allowing criminals to continue their illicit activities and letting crimes like extortion persist." Costa Rican Penitentiary Police Chief Pablo Bertozzi "said that criminal gangs have formed within the prisons and have made contact with Justice Ministry officials and others on the outside to have cell phones brought into the prison facilities." The inmates "can pay as much as \$700 for each cell phone to smuggled into prison," and then can sell them for around \$1,400 inside the prison. The business is "taking off, in part, because the prisoners or third parties cannot be criminally prosecuted for smuggling the phones in." Such actions in Costa Rica "are not legally considered crimes," and authorities "can only punish the inmates with minor sanctions, such as warnings or transfers, or they can confiscate the phones."

South Carolina Supreme Court Rules No Privacy For Cellphone Left At Burglary Scene.

The [AP](#)   (6/13, Collins) reports, "A man serving 18 years in prison in South Carolina for burglary was rightfully convicted in part because he left his cellphone at the crime scene and a detective guessed his passcode as 1-2-3-4 instead of getting a warrant, the state Supreme Court ruled Wednesday." The lawyers for Lamar Brown "argued detectives in Charleston violated Brown's right to privacy by searching his phone without a warrant." The justices "ruled in a 4-1 decision that Brown abandoned his phone at the Charleston home and made no effort to find it," and the law "allows police to look at abandoned property without a court-issued warrant allowing a search."



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California Issues \$37.5 Million In Grants To Combat Illegal Youth Tobacco Use.

The [AP](#)   (6/13) reports, "Grants totaling \$37.5 million will be used to fund programs aimed at reducing illegal sales of cigarettes and tobacco products to minors in California." The grants will be distributed to 71 localities statewide. The money will go to fund "retailer and law enforcement training programs, installation of signs, tobacco retail license inspections and youth outreach efforts."

CRIME & DRUGS

Scammers Make Billions From Business Email Compromise Fraud.

[CBS News](#)   (6/13, Pegues) reports on a scam called "business email compromise," in which hackers "break into business emails, look for opportunities to steal, disguise themselves to look like they are part of impending deals, and then trick people into sending the money to accounts the scammers control." FBI assistant director Scott Smith "says scammers have made off with billions of dollars in the last several years."

"Operation Wire Wire" Gets 23 South Floridians Charged In Business Email Fraud Scheme. The [Miami Herald](#)   (6/13, Neal) reports on "the 23 South Floridians indicted [that] are in various stages of prosecution" as part of the "business email fraud sweep" called "Operation Wire Wire," involving the arrests of 42 people in the US and 74 around the world. One woman, Destiny Asjee Rowland, 21, had \$1,651,699 in her TD Bank account within one month of setting up a business account. The "six-month collaboration of agencies...included the FBI," as well as the Secret Service, Treasury Department, and US Postal Inspection Service.



TECHNOLOGY

British Man Threatens Legal Challenge Of Facial Recognition.

[Reuters](#)   (6/13) reports, "A British man on Wednesday threatened a landmark legal challenge against police in Wales for using automated facial recognition technology that he says violated his privacy." Ed Bridges "believes he was scanned by South Wales Police at a peaceful anti-arms protest and while doing Christmas shopping in the Welsh capital of Cardiff." Reuters says surveillance cameras "equipped with automated facial recognition software scan the faces of passersby, making unique biometric maps of their faces." The maps are then "compared and matched to other facial images on bespoke police databases." South Wales Police "said it was drawing up a response to Bridges' letter." The police issued a statement that said the "force has been very cognisant of concerns surrounding privacy and are confident that our approach is lawful and proportionate." The police force also "said in May it had achieved 2,000 positive matches with the technology and made 450 arrests through its use in the past nine months."

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Miami-Dade Commissioner Proposes Voluntary Registry To Help Police Interact With Mentally Ill Residents.

The [Miami New Times](#)   (6/13) reports Miami-Dade County Commissioner Rebeca Sosa has proposed a "voluntary registry that would help Miami-Dade police identify residents with disabilities and mental illness." Sosa said, "The reason why we're doing this is that law enforcement gets called many times to houses of residents who have children with autism and other things like that. ... This would be so when police are called in case of an emergency, they know how to deal with them." The registry would give police "relevant information" on an individual, including if the person "has any problems communicating." The New Times says Police in California, Arizona, and New Jersey "have launched similar databases after receiving requests from parents of children with mental disorders." The New Times mentions that IACP has "also advocated for the use of registries to help officers identify people with Alzheimer's or other forms of dementia."

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Witnesses Take Stand Wearing Disguises At New England Mafia Boss Trial.

The [AP](#)   (6/13) reports that "two US Marshals Service officials wearing makeup, wigs and beards to disguise their identities took the stand Wednesday in the trial" of former Mafia boss Francis "Cadillac Frank" Salemme "and his co-defendant, Paul

Weadick, [who] are accused of killing [Steven] DiSarro" in 1993. Judge Allison Burroughs "allowed the rare disguises after the Marshals Service pressed her to close the courtroom to the public while the officials testified, calling it a 'question of life and death.'"

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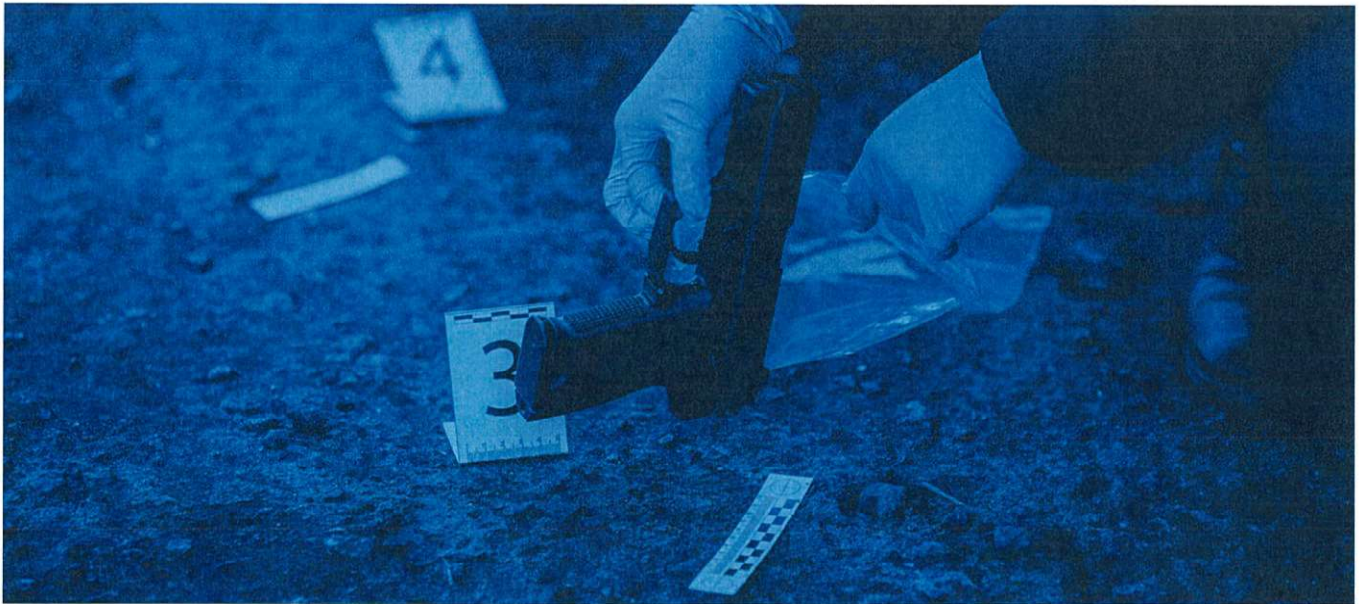
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Former Police Officer Charged With Murders Credited To Golden State Killer.

The [San Francisco Chronicle](#) (4/26, Ravani, Gutierrez, Lyons and Haigney) reports, "A onetime cop who's been living quietly in the Sacramento suburbs was fingered Wednesday as the 'East Area Rapist,' with authorities saying DNA helped link him to a string of at least 12 slayings and 45 rapes that terrorized communities in the Bay Area and across California from 1976 to 1986." Joseph James DeAngelo, a "police officer in Placer and Tulare counties at the time some of the crimes were committed, was arrested in what had been one of the most heinous unsolved crime sprees in U.S. history." In addition to the homicides and rapes, authorities "suspect DeAngelo committed more than 150 home break-ins across the state." Sacramento County District Attorney Anne Marie Schubert is quoted as saying, "It is fitting that today is National DNA Day. ... We found the needle in the haystack, and it was right here in Sacramento." Law enforcement agencies across California "formed a task force in 2016, after Schubert held a news conference to mark the 40-year anniversary of the first known crime." While not providing specific details on how DeAngelo was caught, Sacramento Sheriff Scott Jones "said examination of old crime-scene DNA had narrowed the suspects."

[NPR](#) (4/25, Held) reports, "While DNA evidence ultimately provided a key to unlock the case, [Sheriff] Jones said, 'I can't underscore enough the absolute human factor,' citing the dogged work of detectives, district attorneys, the community and the victims." [The Hill](#) (4/25, Greenwood) reports, "The FBI and California state officials issued a renewed call to find the suspected attacker in 2016, offering a \$50,000 reward for information leading to the attacker's arrest and conviction." The Hill quotes Sean Ragan, special agent in charge at the FBI's Sacramento field office, saying, "Countless hours have gone into this investigation, and this team came together and worked consistently to bring justice in this matter and to identify the subject responsible."



The [Washington Post](#) (4/25, Berman, Selk, Jouvenal) called it "a shocking, abrupt development in what had long been one of the most notorious unsolved string of crimes in U.S. history." The Post adds, "investigators declined to elaborate on what the DNA evidence was or how it was obtained," but "said it clearly linked him to the crimes." The [AP](#) (4/25, Thompson and Melley) reports DeAngelo is accused of "becoming one of California's most feared serial killers and rapists in the 1970s and '80s before leaving a cold trail that baffled investigators for more than three decades." The AP adds, "Although it's unusual for serial killers to stop, Jones said they have no reason to think DeAngelo continued to commit crimes after 1986, when the last rape and killing occurred in Orange County." The AP also reported, "FBI agents and other investigators were gathering evidence at DeAngelo's neatly kept home on Wednesday."



International Police Effort Leads To Shutdown Of Webstresser.org.



The [Washington Post](#) (4/25, Shaban) reports, "An international police operation recently shut down the world's largest for-hire service that allegedly slowed and disrupted millions of websites using malicious cyber tools, officials said Wednesday." Law enforcement officials "say that administrators of Webstresser.org were arrested Tuesday, in Britain, Croatia, Canada and Serbia." The service was "taken offline and its hardware was seized in the United States, the Netherlands and Germany, officials said." Customers "allegedly paid Webstresser to carry out cyberattacks on financial institutions, governments and law enforcement agencies using a method known as a Distributed Denial of Service, or DDoS, bombarding a site with a flood of requests to overwhelm it, according to Europol." The investigation, called Operation Power Off, was "led by the Dutch police

and Britain's National Crime Agency, with support from Europol and other law enforcement agencies." The head of Europol's European Cybercrime Center Steven Wilson "said the rise of cyberattacks for hire will require a deepened level of international cooperation."

Proposed Bill Would Expand US National Threat Assessment Center.


The [South Florida Sun Sentinel](#)   (4/25) reports, "In an attempt to help prevent future school shootings, legislation was introduced Wednesday to expand the U.S. Secret Service's National Threat Assessment Center." The legislation "would allocate more money to expand the center's research on recent school shootings and use that research to train local law enforcement officers and school personnel on how to detect and prevent potential violent threats to schools."

Delaware Passes "Beau Biden Gun Violence Protection Act." [The Hill](#)   (4/25, Gstalter) reports, "The Delaware state General Assembly unanimously passed a new 'red flag' gun control bill on Tuesday. The Beau Biden Gun Violence Protection Act would allow police to temporarily seize firearms from someone deemed a danger to themselves or others by mental health professionals." The measure "now heads to the desk of Gov. John Carney (D), who has said he will sign it." The bill, which "is named after Delaware's late attorney general and former Vice President Joe Biden's son who died in 2015 following a battle with brain cancer," is similar to a measure "that Beau Biden had proposed in 2013 but which ended up failing in the state Senate."

The [Independent \(UK\)](#)   (4/25, York) reports, "New gun control measures have been passed in" Delaware and Maryland "that will allow police to temporarily seize firearms from people deemed to be a danger to themselves or others." The measures "are just the latest in a string of efforts in at least a dozen states to create safer gun policies following the mass shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in February, and gun control activists say the movement to pass these sorts of bills shows that the efforts are continuing to gain momentum."



Toronto Attacker Possibly Tied To "Incel" Community.

The [Globe and Mail \(CAN\)](#)   (4/24) reports the incel community "exists in a dark corner of the internet, infamous for its sexist, racist and homophobic language, where cyberbullying and posts normalizing rape are common." Incel, short for "involuntary celibates," was a term created 20 years ago by a woman who "hoped [her website] would provide a supportive outlet for lonely hearts." In the years since the phrase was created, it has been "co-opted by online trolls and violent misogynists, including allegedly Alek Minassian, the driver accused of killing 10 people in Toronto on Monday." The article says the online incel community "spent Tuesday celebrating the attack he is alleged to have carried out." The [Independent \(UK\)](#)   (4/25, Sharman) reports Minassian is "believed to have posted on Facebook praising 'incel' killer Elliot Rodger only minutes before 10 people were mown down and killed in the Canadian city on Monday." In 2014, Rodger "killed six people and injured 13 in California, having raged online at women for rejecting him, also using the term 'incel,' before taking his own life."

In related news, [CBS News](#)   (4/24) reports law enforcement has been "warning of vehicle attacks for several years," which is why "security changes have been made in cities across the U.S." CBS News says many tourist destinations in Washington DC have been surrounded by vehicle barriers that are "strong enough to stop a truck." In Las Vegas, "city leaders have called for the installation of hundreds of additional barriers between the streets and sidewalks along the strip." However, law enforcement "cannot protect every block in every city," and officials "say it also takes a mix of intelligence gathering and public awareness to keep the public safe."

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DEA Sponsors Drug Take Back Day Across US On Saturday.

[Newsday \(NY\)](#)   (4/25, Ricks) reports that "expired and leftover medications can be dropped off Saturday at nearly two dozen sites on Long Island as part of a nationwide effort to get unused medications out of home medicine cabinets." National Prescription Drug Take Back Day "focuses on the proper disposal of all types of medications, especially potentially dangerous narcotics," and "is sponsored by the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration."

New Zealand Police To Hold Training In New Area To Reach Potential New Recruits.






The [New Zealand Herald](#)   (4/25) reports a new group of New Zealand police recruits will start training Monday "exclusively in Auckland, far from the traditional Police College experience in Wellington." The recruits are a "trial wing being run from Tamaki Makarau in a bid to bolster police numbers in the city and attract recruits who have been held back or put off joining the organisation in the past due to the training being held in Wellington." Royal New Zealand Police College Inspector Iain Saunders "said the pilot came about following direct feedback from potential recruits, whom for many said that moving to

Wellington for 16 weeks was a real barrier to joining police – particularly those with young children or family or personal commitments.” Saunders “said Auckland was the biggest and most demanding policing area in the country and it made sense to recruit police from the city who could go straight in and work after training without having to worry about relocating their whole lives and getting to know a place they’ve never lived or worked before.”

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Registration is now open for the Annual IACP Training Conference on Drugs, Alcohol, and Impaired Driving (DAID), August 13-15, 2018 in Nashville, TN. The DAID Conference features a mix of plenary sessions and workshops designed to keep attendees up to date on the latest practice and science of impaired driving. This year, topics will include: emerging drug trends; the expanded use of Oral Fluid Testing for DUI; issues surrounding cannabis legalization; the opioid crisis; and many others.





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CRIME & DRUGS

Record Amount Of Drugs Found Inside Container Shipped To Spain.



The [AP](#)   (4/25) reports Spanish Interior Minister Juan Ignacio Zoido announced the recent seizure of nearly nine tons of cocaine that had been concealed in a banana shipment sent from Colombia to a port in Spain. Zoido said six people have been arrested in connection with the seizure, which established a record for drugs found inside a shipping container. [Reuters](#)   (4/25, Day) reports the cocaine stash “was the largest ever found in a single shipping container in Europe,” according to a statement from the Spanish customs office. Six people have been arrested in relation to the discovery.

US Charges 45 People On Drug Charges In New England.

The [AP](#)   (4/25) reports from Concord, NH that “federal authorities in New Hampshire say a yearlong investigation led to the indictment of 45 people in a fentanyl trafficking ring allegedly run by two brothers from Massachusetts.” New Hampshire US Attorney Scott Murray “said Wednesday the operation, allegedly headed by Sergio and Raulin Martinez, used dispatchers and distributors to channel fentanyl from Lawrence, Massachusetts, into New Hampshire.” Murray “said authorities believe it’s the largest fentanyl case to be prosecuted in the district,” and “he said 32 people from the Lawrence area and 13 from New Hampshire were indicted.”

The [Boston Globe](#)   (4/25, Takahama) reports that the operation was “led by two brothers from Lawrence, Mass.” Prosecutors “charged 28-year-old Sergio Martinez and 36-year-old Raulin Martinez – along with 27 other Massachusetts residents and 15 New Hampshire residents – with participating in a conspiracy to distribute fentanyl and possession with intent to distribute fentanyl, a statement from the New Hampshire Department of Justice’s office said. ‘Fentanyl is responsible for the lion’s share of overdose deaths in the Granite State,’” Murray said in a statement. The Globe adds, “the Martinez brothers allegedly worked out of a ‘base’ in Lawrence that was staffed by dispatchers who took drug orders over several ‘customer phones,’” and “the dispatchers would then arrange meetings between customers and distributors located throughout the Merrimack Valley, according to the statement.”



Ohio Senators To Seek Grants To Help Police Detect Fentanyl.



The [Cleveland Plain Dealer](#)   (4/25) reports, “To help police officers breathe easier when they find suspicious white powders at crime scenes, Sen. Sherrod Brown says he’ll introduce a bipartisan bill to fund purchases of high-tech portable drug screening devices for local law enforcement.” During a phone call with reporters, Cuyahoga Falls Police Chief Jack Davis “said stories of officers in Norwalk, East Liverpool and Cleveland being hospitalized after on-the-job fentanyl exposure have stopped police from conducting field tests on unknown powders they encounter.” Senator Brown “said the Providing Officers with Electronic Resources, or POWER Act, that he’s introducing with Ohio Republican Sen. Rob Portman would give Ohio law enforcement officers access to the same high-tech screening devices secured for Customs and Border Protection agents in the

INTERDICT Act that President Trump signed into law earlier this year.”

OFFICER SAFETY & WELLNESS

FBI, USMS Searching For Suspect In Killing Of Maine Sheriff's Corporal.

[Central Maine](#)   (4/25, Harlow, Byrne) reports that “a Somerset County sheriff’s corporal was shot and killed Wednesday morning on U.S. Route 2 in Norridgewock – the first killing of Maine police officer in a shooting in nearly 30 years – and the suspect remained at large as dozens of police joined in a sprawling, frantic manhunt across the region.” According to Central Maine, “the victim was 62-year-old Cpl. Eugene Cole, Sheriff Dale Lancaster said at a news conference Wednesday morning in Norridgewock.” The suspect, “who remained at large and is considered by police to be ‘armed and extremely dangerous,’ was identified as John Williams, 29, of Madison.” Central Maine notes that “several law enforcement agencies – including the Somerset Sheriffs Office, FBI and Maine State Police Major Crimes Unit – converged Wednesday night outside a house on Jones Street in Madison, apparently to execute a search warrant.”

[WMEA-FM](#)   Portland, ME (4/25, Sharon) reports that “the FBI and U.S. Marshals Service have joined state and local law enforcement in the intense search for” Williams.

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POLICING & POLICY

US House Passes School Safety Bill 407-10.

The [Washington Times](#) [f](#) [t](#) (3/14, Sherfinski) reports the US House of Representatives on Wednesday "easily passed a bill that would incentivize schools to develop threat assessment and safety plans, taking its first concrete steps to respond to last month's school shooting in Parkland, Fla. on the one-month anniversary of the massacre." The House "voted 407-10 to pass the legislation, which was sponsored by Rep. John Rutherford, Florida Republican." The measure "allots \$50 million in annual grants to local schools to help them develop threat assessment and response plans, as well as initiatives to try to flag early warning signs of students who might be a danger to themselves or others." The [AP](#) [f](#) [t](#) (3/14, Daly, Freking) reports the bill "now goes to the Senate, where a similar measure is being considered."

ATF Head Tells Congress Laws To Ban Bump Fire Stocks Is Best Route. [CNN](#) [f](#) [t](#) (3/14, Shortell) reports that "the acting head of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives acknowledged Wednesday that he has been told by some attorneys that banning bump fire stocks through executive regulation would lead to court challenges that would delay the implementation of a ban." According to CNN, "pressed by Democratic Connecticut Sen. Richard Blumenthal, ATF Acting Director Thomas Brandon told members of Congress that banning bump stocks through legislation would be 'clearly the best route.'"

Kansas City Police To Conduct Extra Patrols Over St. Patrick's Day.

The [Kansas City \(MO\) Star](#) [f](#) [t](#) (3/15) reports Kansas City-area police "will be out in force looking" for impaired drivers over the St. Patrick's day holiday. Kansas City police "said they will work with the Jackson County Sheriff's Department to conduct numerous saturation patrols in areas known for alcohol-related crashes or arrests." The Star explains that the "early morning after St. Patrick's Day is especially troublesome with nearly 70 percent of all fatal crashes between midnight and 6 a.m. on March 18 involving drunken drivers."

Decatur-Area Law Enforcement Holds Hospital Active-Shooter Training.

The [Decatur \(IL\) Herald & Review](#) [f](#) [t](#) (3/14) reports, "About 30 officials from the Macon County Sheriff's Office, Decatur Police Department, Decatur Ambulance Service, Decatur Fire Department performed a training exercise Wednesday morning on the campus of St. Mary's Hospital to practice several active shooter scenarios." The Herald & Review says the exercise helped law enforcement and "also helped train hospital staff and other agencies should an active shooter event ever occur in the community." For the hospital, the training exercise "was an opportunity to practice its own emergency management procedures."

COMMUNITY

Massachusetts State Police Call On Drivers To Remove Snow From Vehicles.

The [Boston Globe](#) [f](#) [t](#) (3/14) reports, "After a nor'easter struck Massachusetts, leaving up to 2 feet of snow, some drivers were hitting the roads without clearing off their cars first, much to the dismay of State Police." The State Police put out a video on its YouTube channel, where Trooper Dustin Fitch "showed drivers how to clear off their car quickly and effectively." Fitch "said the department doesn't have a statute written specifically for failure to remove snow from a vehicle before driving, but