

that the issue can lead to other offenses, such as impeded operation and unsecured load tickets.” He added, “It’s a big issue because you’re not only putting yourself, the driver, in danger, but you’re putting other drivers in danger. ... Whether it’s the snow blinding you or blowing off and causing a whiteout to drivers behind you – it can be blinding.”

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## CRIME & DRUGS

### Authorities Bust New York-To-Maryland Heroin Pipeline.

The [Baltimore Sun](#) [!\[\]\(95b425611cbd2b8716a140cf67c81822\_img.jpg\)](#) [!\[\]\(98475352b625a273242ad989dd0cabc3\_img.jpg\)](#) (3/14, Prudente) reports that “police have arrested 19 people who they say funneled heroin and fentanyl from the Bronx to South Baltimore.” According to the Gazette, “t two-year investigation into the pipeline culminated with an early morning raid Tuesday and the arrests of five alleged drug bosses, police said.” Officers “seized 1,075 grams of heroin, 200 grams of cocaine and 66 grams of fentanyl, police said. ‘We have saved untold amounts of lives,’ said Don Hibbert, the special agent in charge of the Drug Enforcement Administration in Baltimore.” The Gazette adds, “federal agents, police and prosecutors announced the arrests at a news conference Wednesday,” and “they pledged to disrupt the rising tide of fentanyl reaching Maryland.”

### Minnesota Mosque Bombers Arrested.



The [Washington Post](#) [!\[\]\(4f6bf54ae7e4144a72d78316053e412d\_img.jpg\)](#) [!\[\]\(1be454ab98bc856a53cc962da77a541d\_img.jpg\)](#) (3/14, Phillips) reports that “three men from rural Illinois were arrested and charged Tuesday after one of them said that they were responsible for bombing the Dar Al-Farooq Islamic Center in a Minneapolis suburb last summer” as part of “an attempt to drive Muslims out of the United States, according to a federal complaint.” Michael McWhorter told federal agents they sought “to ‘scare’ Muslims ‘out of the country’ and to ‘show them hey, you’re not welcome here, get the f— out,’ according to the complaint filed Tuesday.” The three men are charged with arson, as well as a separate firearm charge for illegally possessing a machine gun, along with a fourth man who is not charged with the bombing.

### Prince Albert Police To Offer Drug Amnesty.

[CBC \(CAN\)](#) [!\[\]\(56549452e01ca28bdf2500ced9653143\_img.jpg\)](#) [!\[\]\(235f8f87c36d896db1ddff2848125c86\_img.jpg\)](#) (3/14) reports the Prince Albert Police Service “says it will join Saskatoon’s police force in asking people to surrender drugs without incurring legal consequences.” Under the Prince Albert program, “all drugs are eligible,” whereas in Saskatoon “it is restricted to cocaine the holder believes may be mixed with fentanyl.” Under the Saskatoon program, people can turn in drugs at the front desk of the department’s downtown headquarters, while Prince Albert police will respond to calls so officers can seize the drugs. The programs have come in “response to a string of overdoses in Saskatoon that has

Saskatchewan's Ministry of Corrections and Policing 'very concerned,' according to ministry spokesperson Drew Wilby." On Saturday, Saskatoon police "responded to a total of six calls from three different locations around the city about people suffering from overdoses."



### Italian Police Break Up "Macrobiotics" Slavery Sect.

[BBC News \(UK\)](#)   (3/14) reports, "Police in Italy say they have broken up a 'psycho sect' that enslaved members by forcing them to adhere to a strict macrobiotic diet and cut off contact with the outside world." At least five people are "under investigation over allegations including maltreatment and tax evasion." Investigators "said sect leaders specifically manipulated people with mental health problems, persuading them to turn away from traditional medicine."

## NATIONAL SECURITY

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### Trial Opens For Orlando Gunman's Wife.

The [Washington Post](#)   (3/14, Liston, Zapotosky) reports on the trial of Noor Salman, the wife of 2016 Orlando nightclub gunman Omar Mateen, which opened Wednesday morning. While prosecutors say Salman "was a willing and active participant in her husband's shooting," according to defense attorneys "she was an innocent dupe of her monstrous husband and she signed her name to untruths only after a coercive interview with the FBI." The article describes the trial and says "jurors here will have to decide over the next several weeks which portrait of Salman they believe."

## IACP IN THE NEWS

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### IACP Asia-Pacific Regional Conference Opens.

The [Economic Times \(IND\)](#)   (3/14) reports India's Home Minister Rajnath Singh opened the two-day IACP Asia-Pacific regional conference, and "said that serious crime develops because the police and citizens do not work together to prevent decay of social norms and social disorder." Singh also discussed the challenges posed by social media for law enforcement, including terrorism, financial crimes, and the victimization of women and children. The [Times of India](#)   (3/14) reports Singh "said cyber crime has become an industry and many cyber crimes-related tools and techniques are being offered as services." He "said the new age technologies such as the internet of things, virtual currencies, advanced malware, artificial intelligence, etc. are fast spreading its tentacles," and police are expected to adapt to the new technologies.

## LAW ENFORCEMENT AT WORK

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### Officer Who Adopted Baby Of Heroin Addicts Gives Update On Recovery.

The [Las Cruces \(NM\) Sun-News](#)   (3/13) reports, "An Albuquerque police officer who drew the praise of President Donald Trump for adopting the baby of a heroin addict said the infant's biological parents are finishing rehab on their way to recovery." Officer Ryan Holets "recently posted on his Facebook page that Crystal Champ and Tom Key are approaching 90 days of sobriety." Holets has raised money for the couple's housing and rehab. Holets and his wife, Rebecca, "were honored by Trump during his State of the Union speech in January for adopting the addicted baby girl the couple named Hope." When Holets first found the couple in September using Heroin, the department "worked to find treatment for the couple."

## WEDNESDAY'S LEAD STORIES

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- [Search Continues For Suspect In Austin Package Bombings.](#)
- [More Residents Interested In Crime-Watching In Rural Alberta.](#)
- [Prosecutors To Seek Death Penalty For Parkland Shooting Suspect.](#)
- [US Homeland Security Using Facial Recognition Tech To Rescue Child Exploitation Victims.](#)
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## POLICING & POLICY

### Toronto Police Officer Praised For "Remarkable Restraint" During Arrest Of Van Attack Suspect.

[Fox News](#) (4/24) reports, "A Toronto police officer was praised for his 'remarkable restraint' as he arrested the suspected driver of a van that rammed into pedestrians Monday without firing a single shot." Video footage "showed the unidentified officer ordering the suspect, identified as 25-year-old Alek Minassian, to 'get down' or Minassian would be shot." The suspect, who is "accused of killing 10 and injuring 15 others in the assault, was heard in the video yelling at the officer to 'kill me' and 'shoot me in the head,' according to the Toronto Star." [ABC News](#) (4/24, Winsor) reports, "Without naming the officer involved, Toronto Police Chief Mark Saunders praised how he handled the situation." Saunders said, "I can tell you it's directly related to the high-caliber training that takes place. The officers here are taught to use as little force as possible in any given situation. ... The officer did a fantastic job with respect to utilizing his ability of understanding the circumstances and the environment and having a peaceful resolution."

**Authorities Wary Of Rise Of Vehicular Attacks.** [ABC News](#) (4/24, Barr, Thomas) reports, "From France to London and New York to Ohio, vehicle attacks are increasingly a popular method used to carry out attacks by mass killers and terrorists." Former DHS counter-terrorism coordinator John Cohen is quoted as saying, "Get a weapon that's easy to acquire and go to a place where a lot of people are congregating and that is the recipe. ... That's the recipe that's being used by people who are conducting attacks on behalf of a terrorist cause, but that's the same recipe that's being used by individuals because of some perceived grievance," and they "decide they want to go commit mass murder. And that's the challenge facing law enforcement. It's not just a terrorism issue, it's a broader issue of mass casualty attacks." ABC News adds that federal, state, and DHS officials "have been warning of vehicle attacks for many years." TSA "warned trucking agencies last year about the threat of a vehicle attack." The TSA report "called for drivers to be aware of suspicious activities and having cities install vehicle barriers around large gatherings."



### US Capital Police Plan "Robust Presence" For Lawmakers' Baseball Practice.

[CQ Roll Call \(DC\)](#) (4/24, Connolly) reports, "Republican lawmakers will lace up their cleats Wednesday morning for their first practice at the baseball field in Alexandria since a gunman wounded House Majority Whip Steve Scalise and three others there last June." US Capitol Police spokeswoman Eva Malecki explained the agency will have a "robust presence at practices and at the game." Following last year's shooting, lawmakers "increased the Capitol Police's operating budget to \$426.5 million for fiscal year 2018 – a \$33.2 million hike from the previous year." The increased budget "includes \$7.5 million for the department to enhance its Threat Assessment unit and invest in new technology to protect members."



### Commission On Parkland Shooting Meets For First Time.

The [Miami Herald](#) (4/24, Smiley) reports a Florida state commission "created to investigate the Feb. 14 shooting in Parkland met for the first time" on Tuesday and released the news that during the response to the shooting, "radios were so badly jammed...that sheriff's deputies and Coral Springs police...had to communicate by hand," while teachers "were forced to lock their doors from the outside," and the shooter had "researched the 1999 shooting at Columbine High School" in carrying out his attack. The commission is being headed by Pinellas Sheriff Bob Gualtieri, and "includes three parents whose children were killed in the attack."





**Maryland Governor Signs Gun Bills Into Law.** The [Huffington Post](#)   (4/24, Wing) reports Maryland Gov. Larry Hogan signed into law on Tuesday legislation that “includes a ban on bump stocks and other similar devices that allow semi-automatic firearms to simulate automatic fire.” Another bill Hogan signed into law “expands law enforcement’s ability to confiscate guns from individuals labeled an ‘extreme risk,’ a measure known as a ‘red flag’ law.”

### Reserve, Volunteer Law Enforcement Helps Fill In Budget Gaps In Colorado.

The [Denver Post](#)   (4/24) reports reserve and volunteer officers are helping to fill in budget gaps in Colorado. The Post says their duties and level of supervision they have are “decided by the sheriffs and police chiefs that use them.” The Post explains that training differs among the volunteer officers as state certification is “not required.” The Post adds that auxiliary police are “critical pieces to law enforcement agencies, particularly when there’s a rush of people to an area, such as Frozen Dead Guy Days in Nederland, or emergencies such as the floods that isolated the Town of Milliken in 2013.”






## COMMUNITY

### Truckers Aid Police In Stopping Suicide On Detroit Freeway.

The [AP](#)   (4/24) reports, “More than a dozen tractor-trailers lined up beneath a Detroit-area freeway overpass to aid police trying to help a man contemplating suicide.” When police received a call about a man about to jump off of an overpass, officers directed truckers to drive into position to shorten the fall if the man jumped. After around four hours the man walked to officers and was taken for medical help. Michigan State Police Lt. Michael Shaw “says troopers typically work with truckers during such incidents, but it’s unusual to have so many involved.”

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## CRIME & DRUGS

### US Senate Health Committee Unanimously Approves Opioid Bill.

The [Washington Times](#)   (4/24, Howell) reports the US Senate Health Committee on Tuesday unanimously approved the Opioids Response Act of 2018, including “dozens of measures aimed at seizing and destroying deadly fentanyl at the border, reining in excessive amounts of addictive pills and speeding safer painkillers to market.” Altogether, the act “includes 40 different proposals.” Committee Chairman Lamar Alexander said that he hopes the bill will be “on the floor by the summer.” The bill would grant the FDA “greater authority to seize and destroy suspicious drug shipments,” and would grant funding to the National Institutes of Health “to focus on non-addictive painkillers and expedite FDA review of such drugs.”

### Reputed Colombian Drug Lord Extradited To Face US Charges.

The [AP](#)   (4/24) reports from New York that Daniel Rendon-Herrera, “the alleged leader of a homicidal drug ring that imported tons of cocaine from Colombia into the U.S., was charged with leading a continuing criminal enterprise, authorities said.” According to the AP, “Colombia’s most wanted drug lord, also known as ‘Don Mario,’ pleaded not guilty in Brooklyn federal court Tuesday after being captured in a jungle raid nine years ago and extradited to the U.S. on April 23.” Authorities said “Rendon-Herrera’s organization sent U.S.-bound shipments of cocaine from Colombia through Central America between about June 2003 and December 2014 and employed hit men who carried out acts of violence across North and South America. ‘Don Mario was the most feared narco-terrorist in Colombia,’ Drug Enforcement Administration Special Agent in Charge James Hunt said in a statement.”



The [AP](#)   (4/24) reports that Rendon-Herrera, “who was once famed for wearing flashy designer suits, a new Rolex

every day and lighting cigars with \$100 bills,” was “hailed into court wearing a faded black Adidas sweatshirt and track pants and pleaded not guilty.” Rendon-Herrera “flew into the Big Apple early Monday – nine years after he was arrested for running a drug trafficking paramilitary gang that prosecutors say shipped huge quantities of cocaine around the world and killed those who stood in its way. ‘Rendon-Herrera led a major Colombian drug trafficking enterprise that imported tons of cocaine into the United States and employed hitmen who carried out acts of violence across North and South America in furtherance of the organization,’ US Attorney Richard Donoghue said in a statement Tuesday.”

## OFFICER SAFETY & WELLNESS

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### Two Dallas Police Officers And One Civilian Shot At Home Depot.

The [Dallas Morning News](#)   (4/24, Cardona, Rajwani, Ballor) reports, “A five-hour manhunt for the gunman who shot two Dallas police officers and a Home Depot loss-prevention officer Tuesday ended with an arrest following a high-speed chase through the city.” Authorities arrested Armando Luis Juarez, “who faces multiple charges of aggravated assault on a police officer in the shootings at the Lake Highlands store.” An off-duty police officer working at the Home Depot “had called for assistance after detaining a man, Dallas police Chief U. Renee Hall said.” When police arrived, the detained man “produced a handgun” and “shot the responding officers and a store loss-prevention officer, police said.” The three victims underwent surgery on Tuesday night. Although officials “refused to discuss the officers’ conditions, their tone was mournful as they urged the public to pray for the victims and their families.”

## TECHNOLOGY

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### New Delhi Police Trace 3,000 Missing Children Using Facial Recognition.

The [Independent \(UK\)](#)   (4/24, Cuthbertson) reports, “Police in the Indian city of New Delhi have identified nearly 3,000 missing children within just four days of launching a trial of a new facial recognition system.” The technology was “used on around 45,000 children throughout the city, 2,930 of which were recognised as missing.” Officers are “now in the process of reuniting them with their families, local media reports.”

## TUESDAY'S LEAD STORIES

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- [Van Attack Kills Ten In Toronto; Suspect Taken Into Custody.](#)
- [Suspect In Tennessee Waffle House Killings Arrested.](#)
- [Scottish Legislators Considering New Law To Protect Police Dogs And Horses.](#)
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### POLICING & POLICY

#### US Agencies Launch Crackdown On Sexual Harassment In Housing.

[Reuters](#) (4/12, Lynch) reports US President Donald Trump's Administration "launched an initiative on Thursday to crack down on sexual harassment of women by landlords and encourage victims to come forward for help from the U.S. Justice Department and Department of Housing and Urban Development." The two departments "will create a task force to combat sexual harassment in housing and pursue a public awareness campaign to convince victims to report abuses with the backing of the government." Attorney General Jeff Sessions is quoted as saying, "We've seen many cases, especially in public housing, where a landlord will exploit vulnerable women and threaten them with eviction unless they provide sexual favors. ... We are not going to tolerate that." The initiative "aims at protecting women from harassment by landlords, property managers, maintenance workers, security guards and representatives of rental property owners."

The [Washington Times](#) (4/12, Mordock) reports that "joined by HUD Secretary Ben Carson," Sessions "said the goal of the task force is to make it easier for sexual-assault victims to alert law enforcement." The task force "will enable DOJ to share complaints with officials at HUD and improve training for public housing authorities," and "it will focus on sharing data and analysis, evolution compliant systems in public housing, review federal policies and coordination of public outreach."

#### AP Analysis: Red Flag Laws May Help Prevent Suicides.

The [AP](#) (4/12, Yin) reports, "Interest in red flag laws has surged since a February school shooting in Parkland, Florida, left 17 people dead." The AP says "statistically, the gun tragedy most likely to touch Americans is suicide," as 60% of the gun deaths in the US in 2016 were as a result of suicide. The AP adds that research "suggests the nation's first red-flag law – passed by Connecticut in 1999 after a disgruntled employee killed four executives inside the state's lottery headquarters – has become an important tool to prevent suicides." A 2017 study "estimated that Connecticut's policy stopped one suicide per 10 to 20 gun seizures over 14 years."

#### Boston Officials Outline Public Safety Plans For Marathon.

The [Boston Globe](#) (4/12) reports Boston City officials on Thursday outlined public safety plans for the Boston Marathon. Officials urged attendees to "dress for rain, keep the drones in storage, and help keep lines at security checkpoints short by leaving backpacks and coolers at home." Boston Police Commissioner William B. Evans "said law enforcement has no information indicating that there is an active threat against Monday's race." Law enforcement officials "said there will be both a high visibility police presence – including police on rooftops – as well as undercover officers along the race route, and security checkpoints will be installed with metal detectors."



In related news, the [Boston Globe](#) (4/11) reports that, in the coming months, "a fusion of granite, bronze, and glass will take shape there, memorials to mark the location where two bombs detonated near the finish line of the Boston Marathon five years ago." Family members of the victims "have worked closely with the artist and city to refine the initial design."

#### Hartsfield-Jackson Airport Holds Airplane Disaster Drill.



The [Atlanta Journal-Constitution](#) (4/12, Yamanouchi) report Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport in Atlanta "held a mass casualty emergency response drill on Thursday simulating an airplane disaster." Volunteers acted as victims, while



firefighters practiced extinguishing an airplane fire. Other first responders practiced triage and treatment for the victims. The Atlanta Fire and Rescue Department, Atlanta Police Department and airport officials “participate[d] in the drill, which is designed to test the effectiveness of emergency response at the world’s busiest airport.”

**Central Florida Hospitals Hold Emergency Response Drill.** The [Orlando \(FL\) Sentinel](#)   (4/12) reports on an “annual community-wide disaster preparedness drill” held Thursday in Central Florida. Orange County EMS associate program director Dr. Christopher Hunter said, “Basically the goal of these drills is to really stress our system. We have a really well-organized emergency response system in Central Florida, and the whole goal is to overwhelm those resources – and it takes a lot to overwhelm those resources.” The Sentinel says 14 hospitals “collaborated on Thursday’s drill, along with Lake, Orange and Seminole counties; the City of Orlando; the Central Florida Disaster Medical Coalition; Orange County Public Schools; the FBI; the Florida Department of Law Enforcement; and the Orange County Medical Examiner’s Office.”



### **New York Police To Crack Down On Distracted Driving.**

[Newsday \(NY\)](#)   (4/12) reports a statewide crackdown on distracted driving in New York, that includes texting while driving, “begins Thursday and continues through Monday, State Police said.” State troopers, along with Suffolk and Nassau Police will be utilizing both marked and unmarked vehicles as part of Operation Hang Up. The initiative is “part of National Distracted Driving Awareness Month.” Since the effort began in 2011, police “said they had noticed a decline in the number of summonses for cellphone use each year as hands-free technology became more prevalent.” At the same time, “the increased use of smartphones has resulted in an increase every year for summonses for texting while driving, police said.”

### **Indonesian Police To Crack Down On Bootleg Alcohol After 80 Die.**

[CNN](#)   (4/12, Faridz, Griffiths) reports, “Police in Indonesia are promising to crack down on the distribution of bootleg alcohol as deaths this month from drinking illegally produced toxic liquor rose to at least 86.” In Bandung, West Java, “141 people have been admitted to hospital with symptoms of alcohol poisoning, authorities said.” Police have “promised to stamp out the scourge before the Islamic holy month of Ramadan beginning mid-May, with a new task force being created to handle the assignment.” In response to recent poisonings, police have “rounded up sellers of bootleg alcohol in affected areas, and sent samples of seized liquor to the country’s Drug and Food Control Agency for forensic evaluation, according to the state-run Antara news agency.” Preliminary results “suggested sellers were adding cough medicine and anti-mosquito lotion to the alcohol.”







### **Arizona State University Police Issue Warning About Human Traffickers.**

The [Arizona Republic](#)   (4/12) reports Arizona State University police are “warning students that human traffickers may be attending college parties in an effort to ‘recruit or coerce’ women into prostitution.” The department issued a safety bulletin on Thursday after it was advised on the trend by other law enforcement agencies. The bulletin said recruitment methods “include photographing or getting students into compromising situation[s],” which allows the traffickers to “use threats of force or exposure to the campus community to persuade victims into prostitution.”



## **CRIME & DRUGS**

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### **Backpage CEO Pleads Guilty To Money Laundering, Will Cooperate.**



The [AP](#)   (4/12, Thompson) reports that on Thursday, Backpage.com CEO Carl Ferrer pleaded guilty “to reduced charges...and agreed to cooperate in prosecuting the site’s creators.” According to the AP, Ferrer, who “will serve no more than five years in state prison under the plea agreement,” pleaded guilty to “one count of conspiracy and three counts of money laundering.” Ferrer “also agreed to cooperate in the ongoing California prosecution of Backpage.com founders Michael Lacey, and James Larkin.” According to [Reuters](#)   (4/12), Ferrer, in his plea agreement, “admitted that he had long been aware that the great majority of Backpage’s ‘escort’ and ‘adult’ advertisements were for prostitution services.” The [Arizona Republic](#)   (4/12) reports that “a DOJ press release said several Backpage-related corporate entities, including Backpage.com LLC, have entered guilty pleas to conspiracy to engage in money laundering.”

### **Cartel Boss Suspected In DEA Agent’s Slaying Added To FBI’s Most Wanted List.**



The [Washington Post](#)   (4/12, Miroff) reports that the FBI on Thursday “added Mexican cartel boss Rafael Caro Quintero to its Most Wanted list, and State Department officials have offered \$20 million for his capture – the largest cash reward for any fugitive in the world.” The Post calls it “the first time a suspect sought by the Drug Enforcement Administration has been included among the FBI’s top targets.” Caro Quintero “is a notorious and uniquely reviled figure at the DEA, blamed for the



kidnapping and murder of Enrique 'Kiki' Camarena, a DEA agent who was fatally tortured in 1985 while investigating the now-defunct Guadalajara Cartel." Caro Quintero was sentenced to 40 years for murder soon after that, "but a Mexican judge ordered his release in 2013 and he has since disappeared, evading efforts by U.S. and Mexican authorities to recapture him."

The [AP](#)   (4/12) reports that Caro Quintero "was mistakenly released from a Mexican prison in 2013 while serving a 40-year sentence for the kidnapping and murder of DEA Special Agent Enrique Camarena Salazar. 'We believe he is still in Mexico,' FBI Deputy Director David Bowdich said at a news conference." Bowdich "said the most-wanted list is 'one of our most valuable tools,' and that 484 of the 518 fugitives who have been on the list have been captured."

### Japanese Police Data Shows Record Number Of Marijuana Cases In 2017.

The [Japan Times](#)   (4/12) reports police in Japan "took action against a record 3,008 people in cases involving marijuana in 2017, up 472 from the previous year, National Police Agency data showed Thursday, possibly because more people are using marijuana amid toughened measures on kiken (dangerous) drugs." The data "showed a notable increase in marijuana cases involving people aged below 20, raising concern that use of the drug is becoming more widespread among juveniles."

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## TECHNOLOGY

### Australia Creating Bill To Force Back Doors In Encrypted Apps.

The [Guardian \(UK\)](#)   (4/12, Remeikis) reports the Australian government is "pushing ahead with controversial legislation it says will create 'back doors' into encrypted communication services – but still can't say when it will introduce the bill." A spokesperson for the acting Attorney General said the legislation is in the "advanced stages of development." In July 2017, Australian federal police deputy commissioner Mike Phelan "said 'the vast majority' of investigations now involved some sort of encryption, but the 'legislation has not yet kept pace with technology.'"

### Chinese Police Use Facial Recognition To Catch Fugitive Attending Concert.

The [Telegraph \(UK\)](#)   (4/12, Connor) reports police in China used "advanced facial recognition technology" from a surveillance camera to catch a fugitive attending a concert among 60,000 other individuals. The technology "works by cameras transmitting images of people back to a huge criminal records database."

### Police Using Drones To Boost Security At Coachella Music Festival.

The [Los Angeles Times](#) [f](#) [t](#) (4/12, Winton) reports, "A small fleet of drones began to buzz overhead Thursday monitoring traffic and perimeters for the Coachella Valley Music and Arts Festival." In the wake of 58 people being killed at a Las Vegas music festival, "Indio police and 14 other local and federal agencies will have more eyes than ever on the crowd thanks to the undermanned aerial surveillance." Indio Police Sgt. Dan Marshall is quoted as saying, "Drones will be flying over watching the perimeters. It takes us a few minutes to get an officer to a perimeter breach but a drone takes 45 seconds. ... The drones will also allow us to monitor traffic better than before."

## LAW ENFORCEMENT AT WORK

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### FBI Recovers Chagall Painting Stolen In 1988.

Under the headline, "Marc Chagall Painting Stolen From New York Apartment Recovered By FBI After 30 Years," the [Washington Post](#) [f](#) [t](#) (4/12, Hsu) reports that a Marc Chagall painting stolen from a New York City apartment in 1988 "has been recovered by the FBI and is expected to fetch several hundred thousand dollars at auction three decades after it went missing." The Post says "the theft was 'an inside job' by a temporary employee who had access to the apartment building in Manhattan's stately Sutton Place neighborhood when the owners were on vacation, FBI art crimes unit and Washington Field Office Special Agent Marc Hess said." According to the Post, "A Maryland associate of the thief who acquired the work after a dispute tried to sell it last year," but "a Washington art gallery owner balked...because the piece lacked documents proving ownership and referred the would-be seller to the FBI."

The [New York Times](#) [f](#) [t](#) (4/12, Rashbaum) reports that the painting, along with more than a dozen others by Renoir, Picasso, Léger, Hopper, and others were stolen by "a team of sophisticated art thieves with ties to Bulgarian organized crime." Citing the FBI's Hess, the Times reports that the Chagall "was discovered in part because an aging criminal, a terminally ill man who is 72 and who had been involved with Bulgarian organized crime, wanted to make a clean breast of things before he dies."

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- [Flanked By Victims, US President Trump Signs Anti-Online-Sex-Trafficking Bill.](#)
- [Florida Highway Safety Campaign Warns About Drugged Driving.](#)
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### POLICING & POLICY

#### Search Continues For Suspect In Austin Package Bombings.

[USA Today](#) (3/13, Pegoraro, Gomez) reports, "Nervous residents of Austin called police more than 265 times by Tuesday evening to report suspicious packages near their homes following a series of package explosions that left two people dead and two others seriously injured." Austin Police Chief Brian Manley "encouraged residents to call 911 if they found any packages on their doorsteps that they weren't expecting or did not include normal markings." USA Today says a "multi-agency investigation to find the serial bomber" has developed. The FBI "dispatched behavioral profilers, evidence collection teams and bomb technicians." The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives "sent 30 specialists, including analysts and explosives specialists." USA Today explains that the investigation "has grown to over 100 law enforcement officials." [KTBC-TV](#) Austin, TX (3/13) reports that the neighbor of one of the victims "provided surveillance video to the FBI, hoping it will help lead them to the suspect."

The [AP](#) (3/13, Weissert, Weber) reports, "Families of two people killed by package bombs left on their doorsteps in Austin knew each other and were connected through local activism in the black community, a civic leader said Tuesday. But it was not clear how they might be tied to a third household where a package bomb also exploded." Chief Manley is quoted as saying, "We're not saying that we believe terrorism or hate is in play, but we absolutely have to consider that because we don't want to limit what we are investigating, what we are considering and how we are approaching this case."

The [Dallas Morning News](#) (3/13, Wang, Bureau) reports Austin police are "offering a \$50,000 reward for information leading to an arrest" for the bombings, while Gov. Greg Abbott "offered \$15,000 on Monday for any information leading to an arrest in the case, bringing total available rewards to \$65,000."

**Bombs Historically Produce "Wealth" Of Evidence.** The [Austin \(TX\) American Statesman](#) (3/13, Lindell) reports "bombings produce a wealth of physical evidence," which is "part of the reason that cases resulting in death or injury have almost always, in recent years, led to a suspect being arrested. The recovered material is checked against the ATF's Arson and Explosives National Repository and the FBI's Terrorist Explosive Device Analytical Center." The Statesman adds that "explosives experts not working on the case described a fast-moving but detail-oriented approach" to solving such cases.

#### San Diego Police Create New Homelessness Division.



The [San Diego Union-Tribune](#) (3/13) reports the San Diego Police Department is creating a new division that "will focus on helping homeless people get services and mental health treatment while also cracking down on those disrupting the quality of life of residents and businesses in certain neighborhoods." Capt. Scott Wahl, who will run the unit, "said the division will focus on neighborhood quality-of-life issues including graffiti, crime and homelessness." He added, "It's about being proactive on crime-prevention techniques and strategies. ... We're going to have teams that will be proactive in addressing community concerns and issues."



#### South Carolina Debating Proposal To Increase Penalty For School Threats.

[Columbia \(SC\) State](#) (3/13) reports the South Carolina state Senate will "debate a proposal to toughen the penalty for threatening a school or student." The proposed legislation "would stiffen the penalties for anyone who threatens to harm or cause damage, injury or death to a student or at a school with a 'firearm or dangerous weapon.'"









### US Bureau Of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms And Explosives Revisit Bump Stock Rules.

The [New York Times](#)   (3/13, Watkins) reports that after the deadly school shooting in Parkland, Florida, US President Donald Trump “announced a string of changes, including a ban of so-called bump stock devices.” The Justice Department, Trump said it “was reviewing the issue and would soon move to take the devices off shelves. But at the time, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives...had reached no such conclusion.” The Justice Department and ATF have since “aligned themselves with the president,” and “announc[ed] on Saturday that the agency can ban bump stocks under current law.”



**Illinois Governor Vetoes Measure Requiring State To License Gun Dealers.** The [Chicago Tribune](#)   (3/13, Garcia) reports that Illinois Gov. Bruce Rauner on Tuesday “vetoed a bill that would have required the state to license and regulate gun shops, drawing sharp criticism from Democrats.” Rauner “called the proposal ‘duplicative’ because the federal government already licenses firearms retailers. He said adding another layer of oversight would be costly for businesses and ‘do little to improve public safety.’”

### Appeals Court Overturns Injunction Blocking Texas Anti-Sanctuary Law.

[Politico](#)   (3/13, Gerstein) reports that the 5th US Circuit Court of Appeals on Tuesday “formally overturned nearly all of an injunction that a U.S. District Court judge issued last year against a Texas immigration law aimed at blocking local governments in the state from adopting so-called sanctuary policies.” Politico says the ruling “was not a surprise, because that court issued a stay last September allowing the bulk of the Texas law...to take effect.”



The [Dallas Morning News](#)   (3/13, Barragán) reports that “with the exception of a statute that would punish local officials for endorsing policies that limit federal immigration enforcement,” the court “allowed the rest of the law to stand.” The court “blocked that section of the law because it deemed the word ‘endorse’ to be too broad and risked subjecting local officials to punishment for speaking out against the law, a violation of the First Amendment guarantee to free speech.” According to the News, “officials who act on limiting federal immigration enforcement, however, are still subject to punishment. ‘With one exception, SB 4’s provisions do not, on their face, violate the Constitution,’ the court’s opinion reads.” The [New York Times](#)   (3/13, Astor) reports the appeals panel “rejected one element of the law: a clause that prohibits local officials from ‘endorsing’ policies that limit immigration enforcement.” Officials “can be forbidden to enact or enforce such policies, the panel ruled, but a ban on endorsements violates the First Amendment.” ACLU attorney Lee Gelernt “said they were considering whether to appeal and would probably make a decision this week.” Gelernt also “said his organization would also be monitoring how the law was carried out.”

### Ontario Police To Conduct Distracted Driving Operation.

[CBC \(CAN\)](#)   (3/13) reports Ontario Provincial Police are “conducting a blitz this week to raise awareness of the dangers of distracted driving.” in 2017, the OPP “investigated 83 motor vehicle deaths in which driver inattention was an underlying factor.” Sergeant Carlo Berardi “says until drivers get the message, the police will continue to conduct blitzes like this.”

## COMMUNITY

### More Residents Interested In Crime-Watching In Rural Alberta.

[CBC \(CAN\)](#)   (3/13) reports, “Grassroots rural crime-watching organizations are hearing from more people interested in starting patrol teams in Alberta.” Volunteers “patrol their neighbourhoods and watch for crimes in progress.” They also “jot down licence plates of suspicious vehicles, for example, or call 911.” CBC explains that the goal of the crime-watchers is to “fill any gaps left by police who patrol large swaths of rural land.” Alberta recently announced \$10 million in extra funds to “deal with rural crime,” as police have “said rural crime jumped 41 per cent between 2013 and 2017.” The new funds are “earmarked to hire more police officers, more Crown prosecutors and to add organized crime specialists to investigative teams.”

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## CRIME & DRUGS

### Prosecutors To Seek Death Penalty For Parkland Shooting Suspect.

The [Washington Post](#) [f](#) [t](#) (3/13, Berman) reports, "Prosecutors in Broward County, Fla., said Tuesday they would seek a death sentence for Nikolas Cruz, the 19-year-old charged with the shooting rampage at a Parkland high school last month." The prosecutors' announcement "came nearly a week after Cruz was indicted by a grand jury on 34 counts of premeditated murder and attempted murder for the Feb. 14 massacre, which killed 17 people and injured the same number." Attorneys for Cruz "do not contest his guilt, and they have offered to have him plead guilty if prosecutors did not seek the death penalty and instead agreed to a life sentence in prison."

### More Nations Returning Looted Artifacts.

The [Christian Science Monitor](#) [f](#) [t](#) (3/13, Haq) reports, "After centuries of cultural theft, the pendulum may be swinging toward repatriation." The Monitor says the trend has "accelerated over the past decade, thanks to increased awareness of past cultural injustices and renewed respect for national sovereignty, some experts say." Since 2007, the US has "returned more than 8,000 stolen artifacts to 30 countries, including paintings from Poland, manuscripts from Peru, and dinosaur fossils from Mongolia, according to US Immigration and Customs Enforcement."

## TECHNOLOGY

### US Homeland Security Using Facial Recognition Tech To Rescue Child Exploitation Victims.

[FedScoop](#) [f](#) [t](#) (3/13, Chappellet) reports the US Department of Homeland Security's Science and Technology Directorate is "developing and testing facial recognition algorithms to help scour through images of child exploitation found on the internet and the dark web." The project, called Child Exploitation Image Analytics (CHEXIA), "aims to aid investigators in dealing with the huge amounts of graphic and violent images of child abuse that they collect." Automatic facial recognition technology "can help these investigators locate both the victims and the perpetrators more quickly, officials say." Program Manager Patricia Wolfhope explained that the "number of reports received through the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) cyber tip line has grown steadily each year, from 223,374 to 326,310 to 415,650 in 2010, 2011, and 2012, respectively," and NCMEC's "analysis indicates the number of images being collected and traded by offenders worldwide continues to expand exponentially." As a result, S&T partnered with the Child Exploitation Investigations Unit at Homeland Security Investigations' Cyber Crimes Center (C3) "to explore how technology can help."

### Delaware To Test Digital Driver's Licenses.

The [AP](#) [f](#) [t](#) (3/13) reports the Delaware Department of Transportation "announced Tuesday that the state's Division of Motor Vehicles has launched a six-month pilot of the digital license." The AP says Virginia and Iowa have tested similar programs, but "no state has yet permanently implemented the digital licenses."



## IACP IN THE NEWS



### IACP Asia-Pacific Regional Conference To Focus On Cyber Crime.

The [Business Standard \(IND\)](#) [f](#) [t](#) (3/13) reports, "Growing interest of terrorist groups and radical elements in exploiting the cyberspace and its advanced technologies for their various heinous crimes and nefarious designs and how to deal with them will be discussed at a two-day international conference beginning...tomorrow." India's Home Minister Rajnath Singh "will inaugurate the two-day Asia-Pacific Regional Conference of the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) which will discuss and find ways on 'Challenges to Policing in 2020- How is Cyber Space shaping our approach to Cybercrime & Terrorism,

how do we perform within it and take advantage of it.”

### US Attorney General To Visit Kentucky, Tennessee On Thursday.

The [Lexington \(KY\) Herald-Leader](#)   (3/13, Estep) reports that Attorney General Sessions “plans to meet families of overdose victims Thursday in Lexington and speak about the nation’s epidemic of addiction to painkillers called opioids.” Sessions “is to speak at the office of U.S. Attorney Robert M. Duncan Jr.” The Herald-Leader notes that Kentucky “has among the highest levels of abuse of opioids in the nation.”

The [Tennessean](#)   (3/13, Tamburin) reports that Attorney General Sessions will also “visit Nashville Thursday to speak with police chiefs from across the world.” Sessions will “deliver the opening keynote address at a conference for the International Association of Chiefs of Police.”

## TUESDAY'S LEAD STORIES

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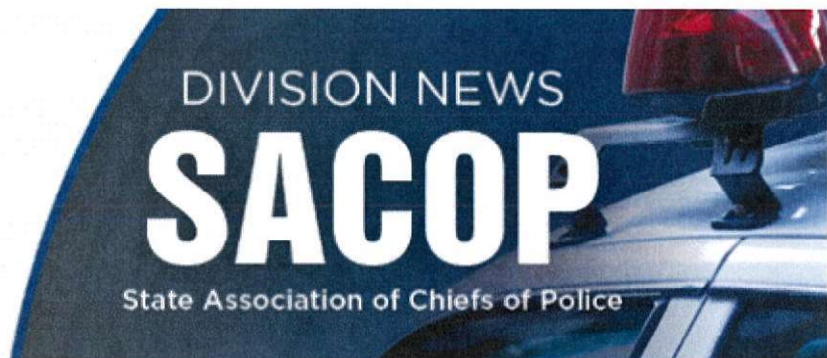
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### Officer Safety Tip of the Week

More and more law enforcement agencies are encouraging their officers to exercise, stay healthy, and reduce stress levels, and many are accomplishing this by having an on-site fitness center. The fitness center can be extravagant or simple, and budget-friendly methods for establishing and maintaining a center exist. For example, some grants and donations will even finance a new fitness room or upgrade a pre-existing facility. Fitness should not be an

### 2018 Division Midyear: Room Block, Schedule & Registration Now Available

The 2018 Division Midyear Conference [room block](#), [schedule-at-a-glance](#), and [registration](#) are now available. The Midyear is March 14-16, 2018 in Nashville, TN. [View additional details](#).



### IACP 2018 Call for Presentations Now Open

The IACP 2018 Annual Conference and Exposition will take place October 6-9, 2018 at the Orange County Convention Center in Orlando, FL. IACP is pleased to announce the Call for Presentations is now open and interested individuals can submit a presentation proposal online. Submissions will be accepted through Wednesday, February 21. All presentations must be submitted online and will be peer-reviewed. Incomplete submissions will not be considered. Frequently asked questions provide additional information

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about the process and speaking at IACP 2018. If you have any questions regarding this process, please contact Tracy Woodhead.

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## Addressing Elder Abuse

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## 40 Under 40 Awards

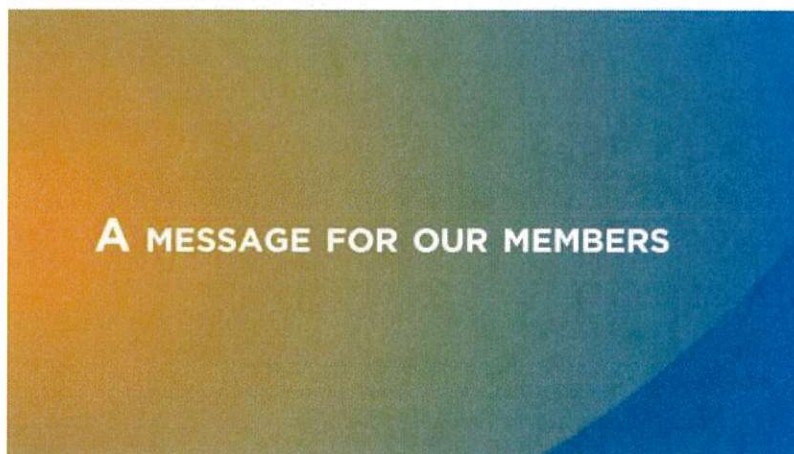
ICAP's 40 Under 40 is now accepting nominations for 2018! This award recognizes 40 law enforcement professional under the age of 40 who exemplify leadership skills and commitment to their professions. Nominees can be from anywhere in the world and can serve federal, state, local, or tribal law enforcement in sworn or non-sworn positions. The

deadline for nominations is March 1, 2018. Nominate a leader in your agency by clicking [here](#).

## IACP Patch Design Contest

The IACP is holding a patch design contest to commemorate the association's 125th anniversary. Submit a design that showcases the rich history and forward momentum of the association. The winning patch will be revealed at the 2018 Annual Conference. [Learn more.](#)

## Video of the Week: IACP Staff Thanks Members for Continued Dedication to the Policing Profession



Thank you to all of our members who consistently work to keep their communities and officers safe. We recognize and appreciate your



dedication, and hope that you all have a great 2018! [Watch the video here.](#)

## Cancer Patient Beaming Again as Police Replace Stolen Tricycle

A Costa Mesa man battling cancer has got a smile back on his face after receiving a new tricycle to replace the one that had been stolen from him. Phil Cartier, 66, has been battling stage 4 pancreatic cancer since he was diagnosed with the disease in 2016. He enjoyed using his adult tricycle for exercise. "I was getting stronger every day," he said. But that changed when the trike was stolen in a burglary on Dec. 16 of last year. Phil and wife Katie Cartier were forced to sell their Costa Mesa home of 20 years because of financial hardships, including mounting medical bills, and were in the process of moving when they were burglarized. They had left a storage unit outside their home, filled with several items they intended to take with them to their new house, including the tricycle. "I was just like, 'If cancer isn't enough, now we have to deal with this,'" Katie said. After reading about the couple's troubles in a newspaper, Costa Mesa Police Department Officer Trevor Jones knew he had to do something. [Read more.](#)

## Ike turns 107 years old, Celebrates with Lakeland Police Department

A Lakeland man celebrated his 107th birthday Tuesday and even with a clean bill of health. Dozens waited in line, at the Lake Morton Plaza assisted living center Tuesday to celebrate all of the years Ike has lived so colorfully. Even the Lakeland Police Department showed up, but not for the party being too rowdy. Officer Alex Gomez, made Lake Morton Plaza a frequent stop before Ike was 106. Since then they've been Wii bowling buddies. "Our friendship is hugs every time I come to see him, this is one of my places I like to come to, it's in my neighborhood," Alex Gomez, with Lakeland Police said. [Read more.](#)

## Post Falls Police Department Sets Up Fundraiser to Purchase Flags for Veterans

A Post Falls veteran's family received an unexpected act of kindness from law enforcement after an unexpected death. The family of 70-year-old Bill McRory said detectives and officers with the Post Falls Police Department bought an American flag with their own money to drape over McRory's body as he was taken to the funeral home. McRory's son, Christ Richey said his father's service meant a lot to him and he was proud to serve his country. "It meant so much to us, it really warmed our hearts seeing him come out with that flag on his body and they saluted him when they brought him out and it meant a lot to me and my sisters and all of our family," said Richey. Post Falls Police Chief, Scot Haug said after he heard what his department did, he wanted to make sure it could be done for other families. [Read more.](#)

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## POLICING & POLICY

### House Passes Measures To Limit DOJ Use Of Asset Forfeiture.

[CNN](#) [f](#) [t](#) (9/13, Watkins) reports that the House of Representatives "has agreed to several measures pushing back on Attorney General Jeff Sessions' expansion of the Justice Department's role in law enforcement seizure of US citizens' property and cash without proof of guilt." CNN adds that on Tuesday, the House "passed four amendments via voice vote which would limit the Justice Department from using funds towards facilitating asset forfeiture." Former Attorney General Eric Holder "curtailed the Justice Department's involvement in the heavily criticized law enforcement practice, but Sessions changed the policy in July as one of many steps the new attorney general has taken to rescind Obama-era Justice Department policies."

### Boston Police Conclude Year-Long Test Of Body Cameras.

The [AP](#) [f](#) [t](#) (9/13) reports that the Boston Police Department said it is "concluding a one year test of body-worn cameras on 100 officers." The "program launched last Sept. 12 resulted in over 4,400 hours of video related to over 33,000 incidents," but "city officials aren't yet committed to a full rollout." Police Commissioner William Evans said "he'll await the findings of Northeastern University researchers assessing the program's effectiveness," who are expected to submit a preliminary report "by December, with a fuller analysis out around June 2018."

## COMMUNITY

### Boston Police Commissioner Urges Federal Agencies To Engage With Communities.

The [Boston Globe](#) [f](#) [t](#) (9/13, Ellement) reports that in remarks prepared for his appearance before the House Counterterrorism and Intelligence Subcommittee on Wednesday, Boston Police Commissioner William B. Evans says federal agencies should "learn how to improve safety in a post-Sept. 11 world by mirroring the connections the police department has forged with city residents." Evans is quoted as saying: "Only through continued and persistent engagement with our community can police build trust, leading to increased cooperation from the community."

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## CRIME & DRUGS

### Anti-Gang NY Troopers Head To Long Island High Schools.



The [AP](#)   (9/13) reports from Albany, NY that New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo said on Wednesday that "a special unit of the state police is being assigned to 10 high schools on Long Island in an effort to stamp out gang violence." The 10 state troopers "will work to educate school administrators and teachers about ways to recognize if a student is a member of a gang or at risk of joining." The AP adds that "the troopers will also create a curriculum that instructs students on the dangers of gangs such as MS-13, which has been tied to a wave of recent violence on Long Island." According to the AP, "the street gang MS-13 has been blamed for 21 deaths in the suburbs east of New York City in the past 21 months," and the killings "have caught the attention of both" US President Trump and Attorney General Sessions.

### Eight Arrested In Mexican Cartel Meth Trafficking Bust.



The [Dallas Morning News](#)   (9/13, Krause, Reporter) reports eight people have been charged in connection with an alleged plot to traffic large amounts of methamphetamine in Texas. A statement released by the US Attorney's Office in Dallas said the defendants are members or associates of the Jalisco New Generation Cartel, which, according to the Morning News article, "has engaged in mass executions of rival cartel members and assaults on Mexican police and military."

## TECHNOLOGY



### Lawsuit Alleges Forced Searches Of Cellphones, Laptops At Border Are Unconstitutional.

The [New York Times](#)   (9/13, Victor) reports that a lawsuit filed Wednesday by the ACLU and the Electronic Frontier Foundation on behalf of "eleven people whose phones and laptops were searched at United States airports and at the nation's northern border" argues that "the forced inspections are invasive and unlawful." The suit "claims the plaintiffs' First and Fourth Amendment rights were violated when United States agents searched, and in some cases confiscated, their devices without a warrant." While the government argues that the searches "are authorized by the same laws that allow border agents to look through suitcases without a judge's approval," privacy activists "say the laws, which were crafted with luggage in mind, shouldn't apply to digital devices that contain vast amounts of personal data related to the device owners and others they have contacted." The Times quotes DHS spokesman David Lapan as saying "he could not comment on pending litigation but that 'we absolutely believe the searches are lawful.'"

### DHS Bans Kaspersky Lab Software In Federal Civilian Agencies.

The [Washington Post](#)   (9/13, Nakashima, Gillum) reports that the US government on Wednesday "banned the use of a Russian brand of security software by federal agencies and gave them three months to remove the software amid concerns the company has ties to state-sponsored cyberespionage activities, according to US officials." The Post says acting Homeland Security Secretary Elaine Duke "ordered that Kaspersky Lab software be barred from federal civilian government networks, giving agencies a timeline to get rid of it." She "ordered the scrub on the grounds that the company has connections to the Russian government and its software poses a security risk."

### iPhone X's Facial Recognition Unlocking Raises Privacy Issues.

After Apple announced Tuesday that its iPhone X could be unlocked via facial recognition, [Washington Post](#)   (9/13) columnist Brian Fung explores legal uncertainty over whether police could force someone to unlock their phone by pointing it at their face. In response to concerns like these, Fung reports, "The new version of Apple's mobile operating system, iOS 11, is said to contain a fail-safe that will not only disable Touch ID, but also potentially Face ID."




## NATIONAL SECURITY

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### Democrats Claim DACA Deal With Trump, But Trump Tweets “No Deal Made.”

[Reuters](#)   (9/14, Cowan, Holland) reports that following a dinner with US President Trump at the White House on Wednesday evening, Senate Minority Leader Schumer and House Minority Leader Pelosi announced that they had reached an agreement with Trump to protect so-called DREAMers. However, [Reuters](#)   (9/14, Heavey) reports, Trump [tweeted](#)   this morning, “No deal was made last night on DACA. Massive border security would have to be agreed to in exchange for consent. Would be subject to vote.” Trump [tweeted](#)   slightly later, “The WALL, which is already under construction in the form of new renovation of old and existing fences and walls, will continue to be built.” In a [third](#)   and [fourth](#)   tweet this morning, Trump addressed the issue of deporting DREAMers: “Does anybody really want to throw out good, educated and accomplished young people who have jobs, some serving in the military? Really!...They have been in our country for many years through no fault of their own – brought in by parents at young age. Plus BIG border security.”

### President Of FBI Agents Association Urges Congress To Make Domestic Terrorism A Federal Crime.

Thomas F. O'Connor, president of the FBI Agents Association, in an op-ed for [The Hill](#)   (9/13, O'Connor), notes that “even though many states and localities have adopted penalties for domestic terrorism – and the U.S. Code defines the phrase ‘domestic terrorism’ – there are currently no penalties attached to that definition and therefore ‘domestic terrorism’ is not a crime in and of itself under federal law.” According to O'Connor, “The current legal gap...leads to confusion and frustration when the public expects a criminal to be prosecuted as a domestic terrorist but no such charges are pursued.” O'Connor suggests that Congress “amend the U.S. Code to make domestic terrorism a crime subject to specific penalties that apply irrespective of the weapon or target involved in the crime.”

### House Passes DHS Database Consolidation Bill.

[ExecutiveGov](#)   (9/13, Adams) reports, “The House has passed a bill that would consolidate databases and systems of the Department of Homeland Security’s 22 component agencies in a move to simplify information sharing across DHS.” The DHS Data Framework Act “seeks to streamline the process for exchange and analysis of intelligence on national security, terrorism and weapons of mass destruction between authorized department personnel.”

## WEDNESDAY'S LEAD STORIES

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## POLICING & POLICY



### DOJ Won't Charge Officers In Freddie Gray Case.



The [Baltimore Sun](#)   (9/12, Rector) reports the Justice Department issued a statement Tuesday that it will not bring charges against Baltimore police officers "in connection with the death of 25-year-old Freddie Gray from injuries sustained in police custody in 2015." The statement said the department reached its decision after "an extensive review of this tragic event, conducted by career prosecutors and investigators."







The [AP](#)   (9/12, Linderman) reports that "the officers were charged by state prosecutors after Gray's neck was broken in the back of a police van in April 2015." Gray, 25, "was handcuffed and shackled, but he was unrestrained by a seat belt." The Justice Department "said in a statement that while Gray's death was 'undeniably tragic,' federal prosecutors did not find enough evidence to prove the officers willfully violated his civil rights, a high legal threshold." According to the AP, "the decision not to bring federal charges against the officers means none of them will be held criminally responsible for Gray's death." Three officers were acquitted in state court, and Baltimore State's Attorney Marilyn Mosby later dropped the remaining state charges.

The [Washington Post](#)   (9/12, Zapotosky, Alexander, Hermann) reports that the Justice Department said in a statement, "It is not enough to show that the officer made a mistake, acted negligently, acted by accident, or even exercised bad judgment. Although Gray's death is undeniably tragic, the evidence in this case is insufficient to meet these substantial evidentiary requirements." The Post calls the announcement "not particularly surprising," as "after a mistrial and three acquittals," Mosby "had announced she was ending local authorities' effort to prosecute the officers, because winning a conviction had proven too difficult."

The [New York Times](#)   (9/12, Ruiz) reports that the announcement brings to a close "the criminal civil rights investigation into Mr. Gray's death, which prompted unrest in Baltimore, a predominantly black city, and a federal examination of its police department's practices. 'At no time did we ever believe that there was evidence that any of the officers violated anyone's civil rights or were guilty of violating any federal laws,' Michael E. Davey, a lawyer for the Baltimore Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 3, said in a statement on Tuesday." The Times adds that in August, the Justice Department "issued a blistering report detailing misconduct and the use of excessive force by the city's Police Department, which is operating under a consent decree – a court-enforceable agreement to enact reforms – entered into during the Obama administration."



The [Washington Times](#)   (9/12, Noble) reports that "since Attorney General Jeff Sessions took over in January, the Justice Department has opted for a less hands-on approach to dealing with oversight of troubled law enforcement agencies." The Times adds that "though federal and city authorities had agreed to a court-stipulated police reform agreement, known as a consent decree, in the waning days of the Obama administration, Mr. Sessions' department tried to pull back from that agreement," but "a federal judge went ahead and approved the consent decree anyhow in April."

The [Huffington Post](#)   (9/12, Craven) reports that "federal investigators concluded that the police department's seat belt policy 'afforded officers the discretion to refrain from seat-belted detainees if the officers believed there were security risks involved.'"

[NBC News](#)   (9/12) reports on its website that the Baltimore Police Department "declined to comment on the Justice Department's decision not to pursue charges against the officers," but "it did provide some information on the officers themselves: All remain on the force, assigned to administrative roles, with one, [William] Porter, expected to return to full duty soon," while "the others face administrative charges." [Reuters](#)   (9/12, Logan) and the [Daily Beast](#)   (9/12) also report.





### Rep. Duncan Pushes For Gun Silencer Provision.

[Politico](#)   (9/12, Bresnahan) reports that Rep. Jeff Duncan (R-SC) “is renewing his controversial push” to ease restrictions on the purchase of gun silencers by including a silencer provision in the House’s “Sportsmen Heritage and Recreational Enhancement Act.” Duncan “argues that silencers are used by hunters and target shooters to limit potential hearing loss from gunfire,” but gun control groups argue the provision “is opposed by many police organizations.” Politico adds that there is “very little chance” Duncan’s bill would pass the Senate, given Democratic opposition.



### CA: Brown, Senate Leader De Leon Reach Deal On Changes To “Sanctuary State” Bill.

[The Hill](#)   (9/12, Wilson) offers continuing coverage of reports that lawmakers have reached a deal that could pave the way for California to become a so-called “sanctuary state.” California Gov. Jerry Brown and state Senate leader Kevin de León on Monday agreed to amendments to “bar state law enforcement officials from enforcing federal immigration law, either by asking about someone’s immigration status or detaining individuals based on requests from the federal Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agency.” According to the Hill, “The amendments would give law enforcement agencies more discretion to notify federal immigration officials about convicted offenders in their custody and to transfer those offenders to immigration authorities. The bill would still allow federal immigration officials to interview those in custody, though it will not permit those officials to maintain permanent office space in state prisons or local jails.”

**CA Police Chiefs Drop Opposition To Sanctuary Measure, Sheriffs Stand Firm.** The [AP](#)   (9/12, Cooper, Spagat) reports the California Police Chiefs Association has dropped its “opposition to a weakened ‘sanctuary state’ measure that would restrict their interactions with immigration authorities, but sheriffs remained opposed Tuesday saying the measure would still limit their authority to work with federal officers in jails.” The AP says changes announced Monday means the proposed bill would “allow local officers to transfer immigrants to federal authorities if they’ve been convicted of one of some 800 crimes.” Kings County Sheriff David Robinson, a vocal critic of the bill, told the AP, “We’re passing laws to not communicate with other governmental agencies and I just struggle with that. I’m still adamantly opposed to the bill. It does nothing to protect immigrants, whether legal or illegal. It only protects criminals.”

## COMMUNITY

### Ferguson Drops Charges Against Fred Watson.

The [New York Times](#)   (9/12, Williams) reports the city of Ferguson this week “abruptly dropped its prosecution” against Fred Watson, the man whose arrest and story “was detailed in a Department of Justice report on Ferguson’s criminal justice system that followed the 2014 fatal police shooting of Michael Brown.” The city’s decision to drop charges came “without explanation” after “five years of pursuing a host of minor charges” against Watson.

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### **Berkeley Police Now Allowed To Use Pepper Spray.**



The [AP](#)   (9/12) reports the Berkeley City Council voted Tuesday to allow Berkeley police to use pepper spray to subdue violent protesters "after the City Council modified a 20-year ban on officers' ability to use the weapon."

## **TECHNOLOGY**



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### **Apple 10th Anniversary iPhone X Includes Facial Recognition Tech, Sparking Privacy Concerns.**

The release of Apple's new iPhone X generated extensive reporting, including some outlets expressing concern about the new device's impacts on users' privacy and security. [Quartz](#)   (9/12, Gershgorn) lays out "five privacy and security concerns about Apple's new FaceID facial recognition," which Apple "says...is 20 times more secure than TouchID...and can be used for unlocking apps and using ApplePay." According to Quartz, the tech "raises a lot of questions," such as where Apple will store user biometric data and whether police will "be able to use your face to unlock your phone without a warrant." According to Massachusetts ACLU legal director Matthew Segal, it remains unclear how police may use the feature in practice.

The [Washington \(DC\) Post](#)   (9/12, Timberg) also considers the question, which has been "hotly litigated in recent years, about what power law enforcement agencies have to gain access to data in devices." According to the Post, "The Supreme Court ruled in 2014 that authorities must have a search warrant to seize and attempt to examine a smartphone. It would take a separate court order to require a device's owner to unlock it for police," said Nate Cardozo, a senior staff attorney at the Electronic Frontier Foundation, a civil liberties group based in San Francisco."

### **London Police Debut "Talon" To Stop Car-Ramming Terror Attacks.**

[Fox News](#)   (9/12, Fedschun) reports London Metropolitan Police Officers on Sunday unveiled new technology, dubbed "Talon," that's aimed at thwarting terror attacks using vehicles as weapons. According to Fox, "The specially designed net...can stop a vehicle weighing up to 17 tons and be deployed by just two officers in less than a minute, police said." According to Chief Inspector Nick Staley of the Met's Protective Security Operations Unit, "This equipment undoubtedly has the potential to save lives and is just one of a number of measures being taken to provide protection to crowds attending major events in London and reassuring businesses, workers and visitors as they go about their daily lives."

## **NATIONAL SECURITY**

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### **Clause In Intel Bill May Let Authorities Surveil US Persons Linked To WikiLeaks.**

[McClatchy](#)   (9/12) reports a clause in the Intelligence Authorization Act 2018 that was approved by SSCI could be an attempt by the panel "to give federal law enforcement a new tool to go after the anti-secrecy group WikiLeaks and its U.S. collaborators." The clause says WikiLeaks "resembles a non-state hostile intelligence service" and that the US government "should treat it as such." Robert L. Deitz, a lawyer who has held senior legal posts at the CIA, NSA, and the Pentagon's intelligence offices, says the language could help investigators secure authorization needed to surveil US citizens thought to be associated with WikiLeaks. He said, "You need to show that someone is an agent of a foreign power." WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange's US lawyer, Barry Pollack, said he doesn't think the FISA court should accept the clause in any legal argument by authorities seeking surveillance approval on a US citizen.

## **IACP IN THE NEWS**

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### **Springfield Committee Launches Policing Survey.**

The [Springfield \(MA\) Republican](#)   (9/12) reports the Springfield City Council's Police/Community Relations Committee launched an online survey, which was "designed following review of similar surveys by ten other departments and guidelines from the U.S. Department of Justice and the International Association of Chiefs of Police," aimed at collecting residents' opinions about public safety and officers' interactions with community members.

## **LAW ENFORCEMENT AT WORK**

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### **Kentucky Dental Office Offers Free Care To Police Officers.**

[WCPO-TV](#)   Cincinnati (9/11, Houston) reported on its website and in a broadcast that Shearer Family and Cosmetic Dentistry in Florence, Kentucky "offered free services to Northern Kentucky police" on Monday, September 11, "for what they



called 'Smiles for Cops.'" According to WCPO, "Dr. Shelly Shearer chose Monday to remember officers who died on 9/11 and to say thanks to current officers." Dr. Shearer said between 15 and 20 police officers had signed up for the event.

### Law Enforcement Torch Run Raises More Than \$2K For Special Olympics Michigan.

[MLive \(MI\)](#)   (9/12, Surma) reports the 25th Law Enforcement Torch Run Tuesday in Jackson, Mississippi raised upwards of \$2,000 to benefit Special Olympics Michigan. According to MLive, "Sgt. John Gates of the Hillsdale County Sheriff's Office lit an authentic Special Olympics torch he got while running with the torch at the 2013 World Winter Games in Pyeongchang, South Korea."

## TUESDAY'S LEAD STORIES

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- **Administration Officials Urge Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act Reauthorization.**
- **Pittsburgh Aiming To Strengthen Ties With Refugee, Immigrant Communities.**
- **Baltimore Police Hiring Outpaces Departures For "First Time In Years."**
- **Facial Recognition Technology That Identifies Disguised Faces Developed.**
- **Former "Infamous" Prison Gang Members, Leaders Work With Authorities.**

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## POLICING & POLICY

### Administration Officials Urge Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act Reauthorization.

The [Los Angeles Times](#)   (9/11, Riechmann) reports that the Trump Administration urges Congress to reauthorize the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act, which is slated to expire at the end of the year. Attorney General Jeff Sessions and Director of National Intelligence Dan Coats "wrote a letter Monday to top Republicans and Democrats in Congress, asking them to not only reauthorize it as it's written, but make it a permanent fixture in the law books."

### Berkeley Campus Police Asked To Investigate Interaction Captured In Viral Video.



The [San Francisco Chronicle](#)   (9/12) reports, "A UC Berkeley vice chancellor said Monday he has asked the campus police department to open an investigation into a viral video-captured interaction between an officer and a hot dog vendor after Saturday's football game." The vendor "was cited for selling food without a permit...and \$60 was seized from his wallet and booked into evidence, UC Berkeley officials said." A video posted to Facebook capturing the incident "was viewed more than 10 million times" before the poster made his page private.

### Politico Analysis: Law Enforcement Officials See Extremist Groups Exploiting Loose Gun Laws.

In an analysis, [Politico](#)   (9/11, Meyer) reports that domestic extremist groups from "antifa" anarchists to white supremacists "are increasingly exploiting loose gun control laws to show up at emotionally charged rallies with assault rifles and other high-powered weapons," according to law enforcement officials. As a result, authorities "are bracing for what they fear could be lethal confrontations at rallies and other public events being planned in cities and towns across the country in the coming months."

## COMMUNITY

### Pittsburgh Aiming To Strengthen Ties With Refugee, Immigrant Communities.

The [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)   (9/11, Smeltz) reports that the Pittsburgh Public Safety Department "is angling to strengthen ties — and trust — with refugee and immigrant communities through" its Multicultural Liaison Unit. The unit "will translate police, fire and medic materials into several foreign languages, hold events for the immigrant community and supply multicultural training for Public Safety recruits, the city said in an announcement Monday."

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### Baltimore Police Hiring Outpaces Departures For “First Time In Years.”

The [Baltimore Sun](#) [!\[\]\(17413706fd4997a1a4bdf85c6864eee1\_img.jpg\)](#) [!\[\]\(f419710cbe076aa30a9c6c031b5cbe84\_img.jpg\)](#) (9/11) reports, “The Baltimore Police Department has hired 144 new officers so far this year — the first time in years that hiring has outpaced the number of officers leaving, Commissioner Kevin Davis said Monday.” Davis is quoted saying, “There’s rumors out there and urban legends out there about no one wants to come to Baltimore, no one wants to be a Baltimore cop. ... That’s all really a bunch of B.S.”

### Chicago Police On Pace For Record Overtime Spending In 2017.

The [Chicago Sun-Times](#) [!\[\]\(cf531ed27e91483460120fcc057b3901\_img.jpg\)](#) [!\[\]\(34fde9b7c74442c0438f550a41236260\_img.jpg\)](#) (9/11) reports, “The Chicago Police Department is on pace to spend nearly \$200 million on overtime in 2017 — 40 percent more than last year’s record spending — despite a two-year hiring surge tailor-made to keep pace with attrition and bolster the force by 970 officers.” The Sun-Times calls the overtime surge “troubling” because it “occurred at a time when the police academy was churning out a virtual conveyor belt of classes needed to comply with Mayor Rahm Emanuel’s two-year policing hiring surge.”

## TECHNOLOGY

### Facial Recognition Technology That Identifies Disguised Faces Developed.

[Digital Trends](#) [!\[\]\(95b425611cbd2b8716a140cf67c81822\_img.jpg\)](#) [!\[\]\(98475352b625a273242ad989dd0cabc3\_img.jpg\)](#) (9/11, Dormehl) reports, “Engineers at India’s National Institute of Technology and Institute of Science and the U.K.’s University of Cambridge have developed a facial recognition framework that can identify even people who actively obscure their faces.” Amarjot Singh of the University of Cambridge is quoted saying, “This can be used to identify criminals trying to disguise their appearance to avoid law enforcement. The problem of Disguise Face Identification (DFI) is an extremely challenging and interesting problem that is of great interest to law enforcement — as they can use this technology to identify criminals.”

## LAW ENFORCEMENT AT WORK

### Former “Infamous” Prison Gang Members, Leaders Work With Authorities.

The [AP](#) [!\[\]\(3342c215b2a8b663596a81468d5dc314\_img.jpg\)](#) [!\[\]\(5e22d44aef1f9548ca8274cbfb388e9d\_img.jpg\)](#) (9/11) reports, “Nearly 114 suspected members and associates of an infamous New Mexico prison gang,” Sindicato de Nuevo Mexico, “have been arrested over the past two years with the help of over 30 former members and leaders, who have been secretly working with authorities, according to an FBI document.” The FBI began investigating the gang “in 2015 after it received word that gang leaders were plotting to kill then-state Correction Secretary Gregg Marcantel and another top corrections officials.”

## MONDAY’S LEAD STORIES

- [US Senators Seek To Reform Bail System.](#)
- [Smaller US Cities Have Top Rates Of Teen Shootings.](#)
- [Despite Legalization, Few California Marijuana Growers Joining The System.](#)
- [Illegally Flown Drones Disrupt Huston Disaster Response After Harvey.](#)
- [Portland, Oregon Reduces Gang Shootings By 25 Percent.](#)

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## POLICING & POLICY

### UK Police Laud "Landmark Ruling" For Gang Member Injunctions.

[BBC News \(UK\)](#) (8/23) reports West Midlands Police are lauding a "landmark ruling" in what "police describe as the largest ever gang injunction." Eighteen men "from two rival criminal groups" have been "banned from parts of Birmingham and must register phones and vehicles with police." After recent incidents of gun crime in the city, the Police and City Council "sought to secure the injunctions in a civil case heard at Birmingham Crown Court earlier this year." During the civil case, "more than 80 people from the Home Office and police gave evidence between February and June ahead of the orders being granted in July." The gang members are "forbidden from associating with each other and entering the city centre," and the incarcerated gang members will "receive the orders in jail where restrictions will be imposed on certain visitors to limit any gang associations, police said." The [Telegraph \(UK\)](#) (8/23) reports the injunction was sought "following around 20 firearms offences involving gangs in Birmingham during the summer of 2015 and start of 2016." The Telegraph adds that another condition of the injunctions is that the gang members "are banned from participating in music videos that may promote or support gang-related violence."

In separate coverage, [BBC News \(UK\)](#) (8/23) reports the rival factions, known as the Johnson Crew and the Burger Bar Boys, became "national news" after the "cold-blooded murders of two girls at a new year party in Birmingham in 2003." Police allege the gangs were "involved in local drug dealing, robberies, and kidnappings before shootings started taking place outside nightclubs and community centres."

### Baltimore Crisis Intervention Team Peacefully Resolves Barricade Situation.

The [Baltimore Sun](#) (8/23, Rector) reports, "A new crisis intervention team within the Baltimore Police Department helped peacefully resolve a barricade situation on Wednesday involving a suicidal woman who sent a picture of a gun to family members from a West Baltimore apartment where she was holed up with two children, according to police." Members of the team responded to the scene and "after 'extensive conversations, they were able to get her to come out of the home and the situation was resolved without further incident,' police said." The Sun explains that the team, which has been piloted for several month, "pairs police with social workers under a partnership with Behavioral Health Systems of Baltimore." Police Commissioner Kevin Davis "praised the team for helping to bring the barricade to a peaceful resolution." Davis is quoted as saying, "People are dealing with various degrees of trauma and mental health crisis. ... We started this team for situations like this. Pairing a sworn officer with a licensed clinician is a deescalation method necessary in 21st century policing. I'm grateful for a peaceful resolution."



### Orlando Police Seek City Permission To Purchase New Dispatch System.

The [Orlando \(FL\) Sentinel](#) (8/22) reports, "To reduce response times and save money in the long term, the Orlando Police and Fire departments are asking the city for permission to spend \$1.9 million in bond money for a new dispatch system." The Sentinel explains that fire and police dispatchers "work in the same room at the city's Emergency Operations Center, [but] the agencies work on two call dispatch platforms that don't share data, said Orlando Fire Department spokeswoman Ashley Papagni." The new dispatch system would be akin to a "group text message – everyone gets the information at the same time,





eliminating the middle man.” OFD Deputy Chief Rich Wales “says the new system could shave crucial seconds off response times.” OPD Deputy Chief Mark Canty “said streamlined communications would be especially beneficial during major incidents where there are multiple injured patients or many factors involved.”



### **San Francisco, Berkeley Police Department Prepares For Weekend Rallies.**

The [San Francisco Chronicle](#)   (8/22) reports, “Authorities in San Francisco and Berkeley are planning a large show of force this weekend at two right-wing rallies, enlisting hundreds of officers each day in a bid to prevent violence from erupting in the wake of the killing of an antiracism protester in Charlottesville, Va.” Officials are “urging people to stay home,” and “said Tuesday that they were boosting staffing and bringing in outside help to ensure order among what could be dueling crowds at Saturday’s Patriot Prayer rally at Crissy Field and Sunday’s No Marxism in America event at Berkeley’s Civic Center Park.” The Chronicle adds, “The idea behind using hundreds of officers, said Bay Area officials and law enforcement experts, is to maintain the ability to separate people who may clash, while not having to resort to heavy use of force.” The San Francisco Police Department “said all available officers would be on the job, with overtime shifts required.”



### **Florida Sheriff’s Office Warns Of Danger Of Weapons At School.**

The [Tampa Bay \(FL\) Times](#)   (8/22) reports a Florida Middle School “was put on lockdown Tuesday after the Hillsborough County Sheriff’s Office received social media reports of a gun on campus, the agency said.” Officers eventually found several students in possession of a BB gun, and they were charged with misdemeanors for disrupting school and resisting arrest. The Sheriff’s Office “asked parents to remind their children that weapons aren’t allowed in school.” The Sheriff’s Office added, “Even toy guns can get students in trouble and become problematic for law enforcement when confronting students in these situations.”

### **Law Enforcement Argues Against Repealing Indiana Gun Permit Law.**

The [AP](#)   (8/23) reports, “Several police organizations are arguing against a proposal that would have Indiana join a dozen other states that don’t require a license to carry a handgun in public.” Law enforcement officials testified to a legislative committee on Tuesday and “told the panel that they supported the current law under which Indiana State Police check people who want to legally carry a gun.” State police Maj. Mike White “said a few thousand people a year are typically denied permits because they are prohibited for reasons including criminal history or mental health issues,” and “said removing the permit requirement could put police officers at greater risk.” Kendallville Police Chief Rob Wiley is quoted as saying, “The law that is currently in existence in Indiana is a very Second Amendment friendly law, quite frankly, while still allowing law enforcement to do what it needs to do, which is protect the general public.”



### **Indian Police Increase Efforts To Stop “Blue Whale Challenge.”**

[NDTV \(IND\)](#)   (8/22) reports, “Wary of the impact of the ‘Blue Whale Challenge,’ the Uttar Pradesh police today issued directives to police chiefs of all districts to ban the internet-based game that has been linked to several deaths of children worldwide.” Director General of Police Sulkhan Singh “asked them to make efforts to contact school authorities and ensure that children are prevented from playing the game.” Singh also “called for legal action against administrators of the lethal game, which is said to have originated in Russia before spreading to other countries.”

## **COMMUNITY**



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### **Detroit Officers Fear Growing Tensions With Community.**

The [Detroit News](#)   (8/23, Hunter) reports that law enforcement advocates fear what they see as a growing trend toward lashing out at police officers. According to the News, “whether they’re being shot at, cussed at, zapped with a stun gun or denied service at a restaurant, many police officers in Metro Detroit and across the country feel they’re being disrespected more than ever. ‘Everybody thinks it’s cool to not talk to the police, and to hate the police,’ Detroit Police officer Ki’Juan Anderson said. ‘The bad guys love this. A criminal will commit a crime, and nobody wants to tell us what happened.’” Anderson “was in the Special Operations crew of Kenneth Steil in September, when Steil was killed in a shootout with a carjacking suspect,” and since then, “10 Detroit officers have been shot in the line of duty, while shots were fired at several other officers.”

### **Trenton Police Director, Mayor Call On Community To Help Curb Violence.**





[NJ News](#)   (8/22) reports, "Surrounded by city officials, community members and clergy, the city's mayor and police director Tuesday called on parents and residents to help them steer youth away from the gun violence with which the continues to struggle." Trenton, New Jersey, Police Director Ernest Parrey Jr. "said they hope to have more and more 'community engagement' overall in the fight against gun crimes." NJ News says the Trenton Police Department started a program last year "whereby police officers took youths violating a city curfew to participating churches, where parents had to pick them up." This year, Parrey "said the department, on Aug. 7, created a Violence Interdiction Team made of a surge of officers from other street crimes units."

## CRIME & DRUGS

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### Illinois Police Expanding Participation In Drug Recovery Program.

The [Lake County \(IL\) News-Sun](#)   (8/23) reports on the program "A Way Out" in Lake County, Illinois, which "offers drug addicts the option of seeking help at local police stations." Individuals who seek help through the program "will not face any charges, even if they are in possession of drugs when they come in for help, according to authorities." The News-Sun says 177 people have "walked into a participating police station[s] since the program was initiated in June 2016." Officials announced on Tuesday that "four new local agencies – the Zion, Deerfield and Fox Lake police departments and the Lake County Sheriff's Office – have now joined the initial seven departments in the program." The program "was founded by the Lake County Opioid Initiative, in conjunction with private and public sector support and the original seven police departments to participate – Gurnee, Mundelein, Lake Forest, Grayslake, Libertyville, Round Lake Beach and Round Lake Park." Lake County Sheriff Mark Curran said, "As leaders in public safety, we continuously seek solutions that keep families intact and ensure jails house criminals, not people suffering from substance abuse disorders. ... We cannot cure addiction through arrests and incarceration, but we can be a supportive link to services for those who are ready for help."



## TECHNOLOGY

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### LAPD Seeks Public Opinion On Drone Testing.

The [Los Angeles Times](#)   (8/23, Mather) reports the Los Angeles Police Department will hold a series of forums as it "tries to gauge public reaction to its proposal to fly drones during a one-year pilot program." The Times says drones have been "hailed by law enforcement across the country as a valuable technology that could help find missing hikers or monitor armed suspects without jeopardizing the safety of officers," but have also been met with criticism from "privacy advocates and police critics." The LAPD "envision[s] flying the drones in a limited number of situations, such as standoffs with hostage-takers or barricaded suspects, bomb scares and shootings in which a gunman is still targeting people." Assistant Chief Beatrice Girmala "said earlier this month that if the LAPD were to fly drones, each use would require the approval of a high-ranking officer and would be documented for later review."



### Canadian Gang Task Force Releases App To Help Youth.

[CBC \(CAN\)](#)   (8/23) reports, "A new app aims to give young Winnipeggers at risk of joining a gang – and the front-line staff working to protect them – a resource to quickly connect to helpful services and programs." The ResourceConnect app was released on Wednesday by GAIN, which stands for the Gang Action Interagency Network. GAIN "describes itself as a network of government and not-for-profit agencies, community organizations and law enforcement officials focused on gang prevention." The app "provides access to over 6,000 programs, services and other resources province-wide, ranging from basic needs and health-care services to leisure and volunteer services."

## LAW ENFORCEMENT AT WORK

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### Wisconsin Police Seeking Money To Care For Rescued Dogs.

On its website, [WISC-TV](#)   Madison, WI (8/22) reports Darlington, Wisconsin, police are "asking for the public's help in raising money to help care for four neglected dogs the department took custody of Tuesday." The department wrote on Facebook that they "found the dogs in deplorable living conditions and their home was deemed uninhabitable for the time being." The officers took custody of the dogs but "said they do not have the budget or resources to properly care for and find the dogs new homes." The Department set up a GoFundMe page and said, "We think the right thing to do is to work with the community to make this happen."

## WEDNESDAY'S LEAD STORIES

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## POLICING & POLICY

### Barcelona Terrorists Originally Planned Strikes At Iconic Cathedral, Other Monuments.

[USA Today](#) (8/22, Bacon) reports, "Suspected members of the terror cell accused in last week's van attack in Barcelona told a judge Tuesday that the group planned to attack monuments around the city and that the imam who led the group intended to blow himself up in the process." Suspect Mohamed Houli Chemlal "said plans were scaled back after the accidental blast Wednesday, which killed two other cell members and destroyed a home packed with gas canisters in the town of Alcanar, 120 miles southwest of Barcelona." The [Washington Post](#) (8/22, Booth, Mekhennet) reports that "police say the Alcanar house contained 120 tanks for propane gas, alongside residue of a bomb-making material known as TATP and remote controlled detonators."

After the Alcanar explosion, the terrorists decided on the course of action that led to last week's deadly attack. As [Reuters](#) (8/22, Croft) reports, "in little more than a year, Islamist militants have used vehicles as weapons to kill nearly 130 people in France, Germany, Britain, Sweden and now Spain."

**Miami Beach Placing Concrete Barriers On Shopping Thoroughfare After Recent Attacks.** The [Miami Herald](#) (8/22) reports, "The most recent of Europe's vehicle-into-crowd attacks will alter the look of South Beach's Lincoln Road – concrete barriers will soon frame the internationally known shopping and socializing promenade." Miami Beach Mayor Phillip Levine announced on Tuesday that "temporary concrete barriers will be placed along the curb line on the Alton Road and Washington Avenue entrances to the Lincoln Road pedestrian mall. The barriers will be temporary, until a more permanent and aesthetically pleasing option can be implemented." Levine "said last week's Barcelona attack by a van, which killed 13 people and injured more than 100 by barreling down a walkway, prompted a reexamination of how vulnerable Miami Beach's pedestrian-heavy areas would be to such an attack." Miami Beach Police Chief Dan Oates said law enforcement is on "appropriate alert because of the events in Europe." Oates added, "We are evaluating our existing security measures for all our high-volume pedestrian areas. ... Plans have been in the works to permanently upgrade physical security on Lincoln Road and Española Way. We are considering interim, temporary measures as well."

### Los Angeles Sues US Department Of Justice Over Sanctuary Policies.

The [Los Angeles Times](#) (8/22, Rubin) reports "the city of Los Angeles announced Tuesday that it is suing [the US] Department of Justice, claiming that new conditions requiring police to cooperate with immigration enforcement officials to qualify for anti-crime funding are unconstitutional and should be blocked." City Attorney Mike Feuer "said he is asking a federal judge to strike down rules US Atty. Gen. Jeff Sessions announced last month for Justice Department funds that have long been dispersed to local law enforcement agencies to bolster efforts to fight violent and gang crime." [My News LA \(CA\)](#) (8/22, Kelley) reports Feuer "said he objected to the guidelines for several legal reasons, including that the Justice Department does not have the authority to impose rules on the grant because it was created by Congress." Feuer also "said the guidelines were impractical because by law the city's police department cannot hold someone past 48 hours unless an arrest falls over a weekend, making the guidelines unconstitutional."



[Reuters](#) (8/22, Levine) notes "Devin O'Malley, a spokesman for the Justice Department, said it is 'baffling' the city would challenge policies designed to keep residents safer, given that violent crime has risen in Los Angeles since 2014."

The [AP](#) (8/22) reports Los Angeles is "seeking to join a lawsuit by San Francisco over immigration restrictions placed





on a major federal grant by the Trump administration.” The AP notes that Chicago and California have filed similar lawsuits.



### UK Announces New Policy For Online Hate Crimes.

[Newsweek](#)   (8/21, Ziv) reports the UK Crown Prosecution Service announced on Monday that it will “treat online hate crimes as seriously as offline offenses in England and Wales.” The CPS “will consider the impact online hate could have not only on the targeted victim, but also on the broader community.” Director of public prosecutions Alison Saunders is quoted as saying, “When an ever greater amount of our time is spent online, it is only right that we do everything possible to ensure that people are protected from abuse that can now follow them everywhere via the screen of their smartphone or tablet.”

### Massachusetts Police Department To Use State Grant To Combat Impaired Driving.


The [Boston Globe](#)   (8/22, Lebeaux) reports the Franklin, Massachusetts, Police Department will use a state grant to “aid in its efforts to remove impaired drivers from the road.” The grant, which relates to this year’s “Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over” campaign, will “allow the department to increase the number of impaired-driving patrols on local roads.” The Globe says this year’s campaign will “feature a focus on marijuana impairment in drivers, including the exponentially increased impairment caused by the combination of marijuana and alcohol.” Franklin Police Chief Thomas Lynch is quoted as saying, “This grant funding will allow us to add patrols to specifically target impaired driving, with the goal of increasing the safety for the entire community of Franklin.”

### Dallas Police Using Federally Funded Forensic Tools To Track Online Child Exploitation.

The [Dallas Morning News](#)   (8/21, Tsiaperas, Writer) reports the Dallas Police Department recently used federal funding to “launch in-house forensic testing that helps detectives track down who is posting online ads selling children for sex.” Collin County Sheriff Jim Skinner said efforts to stop child exploitation “would be nearly impossible without the North Texas Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force.” The task force’s funding, which is currently at \$60 million per year, is part of the Protect Our Children Act. Collin County authorities “have arrested 195 sexual predators since joining the task force,” while Dallas has arrested “more than 38 people...this year on charges of solicitation of a minor or sex trafficking of a child.”



## CRIME & DRUGS

### Six People Arrested For Running AlphaBay Drug Ring.

[Ars Technica](#)   (8/22) reports, “Six Southern Californians have been arrested for being involved in one of the largest drug rings on the now-shuttered Silk Road and AlphaBay.” Prosecutors allege the drug ring sold “more than \$7 million dollars’ worth of narcotics on the two notorious underground websites.” According to court documents, the group operated under the name “HumboldtFarms,” and previously operated under the name “PureFireMeds.”

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### Wisconsin Police Officer And Secretary Sickened By Contents Of Envelope.

The [AP](#)   (8/22) reports that “a Green Bay police captain and a secretary were taken to a hospital when they became sickened after opening a mailed envelope. ... The envelope was removed from a second-floor office about 6 p.m. and turned over to the FBI for testing.”

## TECHNOLOGY





## New York DMV Facial Recognition Database Credited For 4000 ID Theft And Fraud Arrests.

[Ars Technica](#)   (8/22) reports that the state of New York “says its driver’s license facial recognition technology has led to the arrest of 4,000 people in connection to identify theft or fraud crimes,” and that “this number is likely to skyrocket in the wake of the state doubling the number of measurement points for photographs.” Ars adds that “as many as 16,000 people face some type of non-criminal administrative action in connection to the state’s facial-recognition program, which was adopted in 2010.” Ars notes that New York’s DMV photo database “is not among those databases forwarded to an FBI program containing about 411.9 million facial recognition images of people who have committed no crimes.”

## LAW ENFORCEMENT AT WORK

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### FBI Profiler: Unabomber’s Writings Were Key To Identifying Him.

[NPR](#)   (8/22) reports on FBI criminal profiler James R. Fitzgerald’s work on the Unabomber case beginning on 1995. Fitzgerald says that although Ted Kaczynski was a “‘criminal mastermind’ who went to extraordinary lengths to erase any trace of physical evidence,” the FBI “did have one important source of evidence,” the letters he sent “to the media and some of his victims,” including “sprawling, 35,000-word ‘manifesto.’” According to Fitzgerald, “the Unabomber’s writings were a ‘pivotal factor’ in cracking the case.”

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## NATIONAL SECURITY

### Minnesota Mosque Rocked By Saturday Morning Explosion.

The [New York Times](#)   (8/5, Corasaniti) reports the Dar Al Farooq mosque in Bloomington, Minnesota was rocked by a blast on Saturday as worshipers were gathering for morning prayers. No injuries were reported, though the "building sustained damage to its front." Police said that a "preliminary investigation indicates the explosion was caused by a destructive device." The FBI is taking the lead on the investigation, with assistance from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.



The [Minneapolis Star Tribune](#)   (8/6, Olson) reports that Minnesota Gov. Mark Dayton called the explosion "an act of terrorism" during a visit on Sunday. Dayton said of the blast, "What a terrible, dastardly, cowardly act was committed," and he called the attack "a hate crime," adding, "Anything I can do to put a stop to it, I would gladly do." [Newsweek](#)   (8/5, Miere) reports that "police initially said it was too early to call the incident a hate crime," but "the FBI, including members of the agency's Joint Terrorism Task Force, were quickly on the scene at the building."

### Many Convicted Of Terrorism-Related Crimes Post-9/11 Are Set For Release From Prison.

The [AP](#)   (8/6, Riechmann, Press) reports that, according to the Bureau of Prisons, US prison currently hold 380 inmates "linked to international terrorism and 83 tied to domestic terrorism" – and the Congressional Research Service said "50 'homegrown violent jihadists' were to be released between last January and the end of 2026." Eric Rosand of the Global Center on Cooperative Security says "not enough is known about the mindset of the prisoners being released." However, Karen Greenberg, director of the Center on National Security at Fordham University's School of Law, "doesn't think the public should panic." The [Daily Caller](#)   (8/6) drew attention to the AP's reporting.

## POLICING & POLICY

### GOP Governors Deploying State Troopers In Response To Rise In Violent Crime.

In an analysis, the [Washington Post](#)   (8/6, Craig, Ockerman) reports Republican governors around the country are responding to rising homicide rates in major cities by dispatching additional state troopers to violent areas. The Post highlights Missouri Gov. Eric Greitens' recent deployment of state troopers to St. Louis highways – an effort that has received support from Democratic city officials – and also examines similar efforts in Arkansas, Texas, and South Carolina. The Post adds, however, that "the implementation of the state response can clash with local policing strategies" and that some on the left "fear a shift away from Obama-era initiatives such as community policing, fewer mandatory minimum sentences and limits on the militarization of police units."

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## CRIME & DRUGS

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### MS-13 Carries On Feud With Rival Gang Barrio 18.

[Fox News](#) [!\[\]\(17413706fd4997a1a4bdf85c6864eee1\_img.jpg\)](#) [!\[\]\(f419710cbe076aa30a9c6c031b5cbe84\_img.jpg\)](#) (8/4) reports on Barrio 18, a Salvadoran gang that rivals MS-13. According to Fox, "both have members covered in head-to-toe tattoos, are well known for their murderous tactics and originated in some of the same Los Angeles neighborhoods." Fox says the two gangs "are bitter rivals whose ongoing feud is responsible for the deaths of thousands across the U.S., Mexico and Central America." Barrio 18 is "believed to operate in around 120 cities in 30 states, but has made its presence most felt in its home state of California." Fox News, adds, "Much of the street crime in Los Angeles County is believed to be related to the gang and federal law enforcement said that while street-level drug dealing is Barrio 18's main income source, the group has been linked to murders, assaults, arson, copyright infringement, extortion, human trafficking, illegal immigration, kidnapping, prostitution, robbery and weapons trafficking."

### FDA To Bolster Fentanyl Detection Efforts At Mail Facilities.

The [Washington Post](#) [!\[\]\(cf531ed27e91483460120fcc057b3901\_img.jpg\)](#) [!\[\]\(34fde9b7c74442c0438f550a41236260\_img.jpg\)](#) (8/4, McGinley) reports Food and Drug Administration commissioner Scott Gottlieb said Thursday he plans to install approximately "three dozen employees to international mail facilities" operated by the US Postal Service "to help detect and analyze suspicious packages," as part of an increased effort to prevent opioids from entering the country. The article quotes Gottlieb as saying, "Given the scope of the opioid crisis, and the risk posed by these synthetic drugs, it's my belief that we need to devote even more resources and attention to these risks." The FDA also plans to deploy employees "to the FDA's cybercrime and forensic-chemistry units," the Post adds.

## TECHNOLOGY

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### Smart Gun Advocates Urge Public Not To Be Worried About Hacked Firearms.



[CNET News](#) [!\[\]\(95b425611cbd2b8716a140cf67c81822\_img.jpg\)](#) [!\[\]\(98475352b625a273242ad989dd0cabc3\_img.jpg\)](#) (8/5, Ng) reports, "Even after a hacker at Defcon showed that smart guns aren't all that smart, advocates for new firearm technology aren't worried." At the Smart Gun Symposium in Washington D.C. on Thursday, supporters of the technology "discussed how upgrading firearms with gun-locking features like fingerprint scanners and radio-frequency identification tags could help protect police and prevent shootings," and "also dismissed concerns that hackers could find ways to trick the features." CNET adds, "Safety and reliability are key issues when it comes to the potential for widespread adoption of high-tech firearms. Nearly 60 percent of police officers told the symposium they'd be interested in using smart guns, once the weapons prove reliable from a security and effectiveness perspective."

### London Police To Use Facial Recognition Software At Upcoming Festival.

[The Guardian \(UK\)](#) [!\[\]\(4f6bf54ae7e4144a72d78316053e412d\_img.jpg\)](#) [!\[\]\(1be454ab98bc856a53cc962da77a541d\_img.jpg\)](#) (8/5, Dodd) reports London Metropolitan Police "will use facial recognition software to scan the faces of tens of thousands of revellers at this year's Notting Hill carnival even though civil liberties groups believe such an action would be discriminatory." The agency "has described the planned deployment as a pilot project intended to look for suspected troublemakers to keep those attending safe." Police at the two-day event "will use the facial recognition system and match faces in the crowd against databases of people they suspect will cause trouble, comparing them with images of people previously arrested or under bail conditions to keep away from the event." The Met released a statement that said, "The technology involves the use of overt cameras which scan the faces of those passing by and flag up potential matches against a

database of custody images. The database will be populated with images of individuals who are forbidden from attending carnival, as well as individuals wanted by police."

### Chicago Police Use New Technology To Fight Violent Crime.

[Reuters](#)   (8/5, McLaughlin) reports Chicago police on the city's South Side are "using technology to try to rein in a surging murder rate." With the city's murder rate up by 3 percent overall, the 7th District saw a 39 percent drop in the rate from January through July of this year over the same period last year. Three other districts using the same technology also saw "between 15 percent and 29 percent fewer shootings, and 9 percent to 18 percent fewer homicides, according to the department's data." The technology involves police "scan[ning] digital maps on big screens to see where a computer algorithm predicts crime will happen next." It is "part of a roughly \$6 million experiment," which is "aimed at complementing traditional police work" and overhauling "the force of some 12,500 officers."

## LAW ENFORCEMENT AT WORK

### Wisconsin Officer Donates Kidney To Child After Seeing Facebook Post.

[CNN](#)   (8/4, Moghe) reports, in its weekly "beyond the call of duty" segment, about Milton, Wisconsin, Police Department Officer Lindsey Bittorf, who donated a kidney to a 8-year-old child after seeing a Facebook post. The boy's mother Kristi Goll, turned to Facebook to make the "desperate plea" for her child Jackson, after finding out that no family members were a match to donate a kidney. Goll's Facebook post was "shared more than 1,400 times," but after a month "there were no matches." In mid-March, Bittorf saw the Facebook post and contacted Goll. Bittorf is quoted as saying, "If roles were reversed and it were my kid, I would move hell and earth for my kid, too." Bittorf began the testing to see if she was a match for the kidney donation. After finding out the good news, Bittorf showed up to Goll's home "in uniform" to surprise the family. Bittorf said, "I took an oath to serve and protect my community and now my kidney will serve and protect you." CNN adds that Bittorf's "resolve to help Jackson was similar to her drive to become a police officer: She simply wants to help people."

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## POLICING & POLICY

### Internet Crime Complaint Center Tracks Cybercrime Tips, Educates Public.

The [Washington Post](#)   (3/30, Leamy) discusses the Internet Crime Complaint Center in Fairmont, West Virginia, where FBI analysts “track cybercriminals – no matter where they are.” The Post says analysts “lay eyes on every single tip they receive, looking for trends, trying to identify perpetrators,” with the ultimate goal being “to put the puzzle pieces together and hand the documentation over for prosecution.” The Post also mentions the IC3’s public education mission, and goes on to list “a half-dozen of the latest scams from the IC3’s files so you’ll know what to watch out for.”



### Sessions, Comey Discuss Threats With Jewish Leaders.

[The Hill](#)   (3/30, Fabian) reports that Attorney General Sessions and FBI Director Comey “met with Jewish leaders Thursday to discuss a series of threats that have shaken communities across the country.” The discussions “come after a suspect was arrested in Israel in connection with bomb threats against Jewish Community Centers (JCCs) and schools that have gone on for months. ‘The Department of Justice will not tolerate hate crimes against Jewish communities or the targeting of any community in this country on the basis of their religious beliefs,’ the agency said in a statement.” Sessions “praised community leaders ‘for their responsiveness, efficiency, calm and competence in the face of those who would threaten these institutions and the millions of Americans who walk through their doors.’” Sessions and Comey “met with community center heads and officials from the JCC Association of North America,” and Comey “met with Jewish Federations of North America chief Jerry Silverman and other leaders,” according to The Hill.

### ICE Apologizes To Santa Barbara County Sheriff.



The [Santa Barbara \(CA\) Independent](#)   (3/30, Brugger) reports David Marin, an immigration enforcement director, called Santa Barbara County Sheriff Bill Brown “to apologize” for putting the county in ICE’s first weekly report “essentially shaming counties that refused to hold requested foreign-born inmates after their sentences had been served.” Brown said, “It was an error on ICE’s part.”

### Maryland Senate President Says State Will Not Become A Sanctuary.

The [Washington Post](#)   (3/29, Hicks) reports, “A Maryland bill to limit police cooperation with federal immigration authorities is in danger of dying in the state Senate after the head of the chamber expressed concern about the measure” with just several days left in the session. Senate President Mike Miller, a Democrat, told reporters, “Maryland is not going to become a sanctuary state. Our churches are not sanctuaries, our colleges are not sanctuaries, our cities are not sanctuaries, and our state is not going to become a sanctuary state.”

## CRIME & DRUGS

### US Probing Bank Of Internet Over Alleged Money Laundering.

The [New York Post](#)   (3/31, Dugan) reports that “federal agents are conducting a probe into possible money laundering at online lender Bank of Internet, The Post has learned.” The Justice Department, “which is leading the investigation, has interviewed at least one former employee of the San Diego-based bank, sources said.” Bank of Internet Chief Executive Gregory Garrabrants, “head of the bank since 2007, is also a focus of the probe, sources said.” The Post notes that “neither the 18-year-old bank nor Garrabrants has been accused of any criminal activity.” The Post adds that “part of the probe is centered on regulatory filings made by Bank of Internet, also known as BofI, to the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, according to

four people familiar with the matter.”

### Europol Investigation Closes Illegal Cigarette Factories In Poland, Spain.

The [Sofia \(BGR\) Globe](#)   (3/30) reports on Europol investigation that uncovered illegal cigarette factories in Żuromin, Poland, where 14 tons of tobacco were seized and six million cigarettes were produced and smuggled to Western Europe last year. The investigation also resulted in the closure of cigarette production line in Elche, Spain. An organized crime group was behind the operation, moving hashish to Poland in tomato cargoes and also active in the U.K.






### Nearly 300 Pounds Of Cocaine Seized From Plane After Landing At Ohio University Airport.

The [Dayton \(OH\) Daily News](#)   (3/29) reports Homeland Security agents recovered “nearly 300 pounds” of cocaine from a plane that landed at Ohio University’s Gordon K. Bush Airport. Two men were taken into custody. [WTTE-TV](#)   Columbus, OH (3/30) reports, “Homeland Security Investigations assumed control of the investigation, but will work with local law enforcement on the follow up.”

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## TECHNOLOGY

### AT&T Awarded \$6.5 Billion FirstNet Contract For Nationwide Public Safety Network.

[Federal Computer Week](#)   (3/30, Wakeman) reports Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross announced Thursday that AT&T has been awarded a \$6.5 billion FirstNet contract “to build a nationwide public safety broadband wireless network.” According to FCW, the government “has appropriated \$6.5 billion to pay for construction over five years” but “projected costs are far higher than that,” so “AT&T projected it would invest about \$40 billion into the network over the life of the contract.” The company will “develop the nationwide network using spectrum freed up and dedicated for the purpose of public safety,” but FCW points out “AT&T will also be able to share unused capacity on that network with its customers.” AT&T’s team on the project includes General Dynamics, Motorola Solutions, Sapient Consulting, and Inmarsat Government.

According to [Michigan Technology News](#)   (3/30, Brennan), FirstNet and AT&T will continue to “innovate and evolve the network to keep the public safety community at the forefront of technology advances.” Creating the “nationwide seamless, IP-based, high-speed mobile communications network” will aid in improving rescue and recovery operations, connecting “first responders to the critical information they need in an emergency,” and enhancing “the development of public safety focused IoT and Smart City solutions such as providing near real-time information on traffic conditions to determine the fastest route to an emergency,” among other benefits.

### Official Concerned Small Drones Will Be Used As Weapons, Surveillance In US.

[Bloomberg News](#)   (3/29, Levin) reports officials speaking at a security conference sponsored by the Air Line Pilots Association said that counter-terror agencies are concerned the drones that “flood the consumer market” could be used in the US to carry explosives or as surveillance platforms. William Hewitt, chief of the UAS Threat Integration Cell at the Department of Homeland Security, said that Middle East terror groups’ use of small drones as weapons, combined with a supply of readily available, highly capable small drones, has moved such concerns from theoretical to “a tangible reality.”

## NATIONAL SECURITY



### Italian Police Arrest Four Kosovars In Suspected Terrorist Plot.

The [New York Times](#)   (3/30, Povoledo) reports Italian police said Thursday that they had arrested three men and one teenager from Kosovo, dismantling a suspected jihadist cell in Venice that had discussed blowing up the Rialto Bridge, according to wiretapped conversations. Police said the Kosovars had been under surveillance since September 2015 for suspected contact with terrorist groups, and at least one had recently returned from Syria. Venice prosecutor Adelchi D'Ippolito said at a news conference Thursday that the group had been preparing to carry out criminal activities, had kept in shape, and watched ISIS videos online to learn how to build explosives and kill people with a knife. Police also conducted almost a dozen raids in Venice, Mestre, and Treviso.

## LAW ENFORCEMENT AT WORK

### Police Rescue A Florida Senior Citizen Who Was Conned.

[WESH-TV](#)   Orlando, FL (3/29) reports that police in Maitland came to the rescue of an 82-year-old woman after she became the victim of a scheme "that cost her everything." The woman was conned by being "tricked into giving anonymous crooks more than \$700 in iTunes gift cards," according to police. Chief Manuel said crooks take advantage of Florida's elderly retirees "daily, if not weekly." After discovering she lost her money, Chief David Manuel and his officers gave the woman a ride in their patrol car because she does not have transportation, filled up her cart with groceries that they paid for, and took her home and helped put everything away. Manuel is quoted saying, "We take it personal. This is our community. ...Every day there's so much negativity. If we can do something like this, it makes it a little bit better."

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## POLICING & POLICY



### Seattle Sues Administration Over Sanctuary Cities Funding Threat.

The [Los Angeles Times](#)   (3/29) reports, "Seattle filed suit against the Trump administration Wednesday over its threat to cut off funds" to sanctuary cities, with Mayor Ed Murray saying that Seattle officials "believe the sanctuary order issued by the administration in January is unconstitutional." Seattle "is at risk of losing more than \$150 million in federal funds this year. But Murray has already made clear the city is ready give up those funds in order to remain a sanctuary for immigrants."

### DHS: "Significant Dividends" From Binding Operational Directives Issuance Authority.



[Federal News Radio \(DC\)](#)   (3/29) reports DHS "told Congress Tuesday that it's seeing significant dividends from a new legal authority Congress granted the department in 2014: the ability to force other federal agencies to take concrete steps to improve their cybersecurity posture." FNR says, "DHS has issued four such directives in the past two years, two more than it's previously disclosed." The additional binding operational directives "were sent to agencies by then-Homeland Security secretary Jeh Johnson in the final months of the Obama administration." One directed agencies to "immediately fix 'urgent vulnerabilities' in firewall products made by Cisco," and the other "essentially" directed them to "comply with a Congressional mandate in the 2014 Federal Information Security Modernization Act."

### New York City Instructs Police Department To "Prevent" ICE From Entering Schools.

[El Diario \(NY\)](#)   (3/29) reports that Attorney General Jeff Sessions' "latest threat" to sanctuary cities provoked a reaction from New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio, who announced a "new measure to intensify the protection of immigrant students" in the city's public schools. Furthermore, the city has issued an administrative bulletin instructing the New York Police Department to "prevent" ICE agents from entering educational institutions without judicial authorization. The document says the NYPD cannot permit "any police official who is not local," which El Diario takes to mean federal agents, to go beyond the reception area of a school without a court order.

## COMMUNITY

### Carson City's 'Shine Blue Lights' Honors Law Enforcement.

[Nevada Appeal](#)   (3/28) reports, "Merchants and residents who value the risky work of police and sheriff's deputies can show their support in a new city program to shine blue lights as a beacon to officers and tribute to those who died in the line of duty, city officials said." Executive Director Ronni Hannaman of the Carson City Chamber of Commerce said at its monthly meeting, "Proudly shining a blue light on your front porch or outside your business is a simple way to show our officers that you respect and appreciate them protecting us and our community. ...The light also serves as a symbol of honor for the many brave officers who lost their lives while on the job." The initiative organizers are working to launch the program in time for Nevada State Law Enforcement Day on May 4.

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## CRIME & DRUGS

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### CBP Arrests 19, Seizes Drugs At California Crossings.

The [Los Angeles Times](#)   (3/28, Hernandez) reports that over the weekend, Customs and Border Protection officers arrested 19 fugitives and seized nearly \$2.8 million worth of drugs at border crossings in San Diego and Imperial Valley counties.

### Drug Cartels Re-Using Underground Tunnels Left Unfilled On Mexican Side Of Border.

[Fox News](#)   (3/29, Carr) reports that Mexican authorities have not been filling in underground tunnels used by Mexican drug cartels on their side of the border, citing how expensive it is on their end to do so, which leaves the tunnels “open underground, allowing the cartels to get back inside.” US Customs and Border Patrol “tunnel rats” team captain Lance Lenoir said, “There’s been a least seven documented incidents where that has actually happened.” Fox says it has been “a major frustration for American authorities who, according to this report, spend millions to discover and then shut tunnels down.”



### Authorities Arrest Suspect Following Threat Of Illinois Mass Shooting.

The [Chicago Patch](#)   (3/29, Antinori) reports from Macomb, Illinois that a suspect was taken into custody Wednesday after the FBI alerted authorities in Illinois’ McDonough County to a threat of a mass shooting. “A suspect authorities believe to be responsible for the threat was taken into custody by the FBI and Macomb police at around 10:40 a.m.,” the Patch says. According to the threat, the shooting was supposed to take place on Wednesday.

## TECHNOLOGY

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### Bedoya: Facial Recognition Technology Presents Reasons For Concern.

In a piece for the [Washington Post](#)   (3/27, Bedoya) Georgetown Law scholar Alvaro Bedoya reports that “no federal law governs face recognition” and “No court decision limits it.” Unlike the National Security Agency’s call-records program, says Bedoya, “law-enforcement face-recognition systems have received a fraction of the NSA’s oversight.” Bedoya suggests that the public should be concerned about the rise of facial recognition given that police could conceivably use the technology to track citizens movements and involvement in protests.

## NATIONAL SECURITY

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### 9/11 Families Seek DOJ Probe Of Saudi Lobbying.

[Yahoo! News](#)   (3/29, Isikoff) reports that “a group of families of Sept. 11 victims is asking the Justice Department to investigate an ‘unprecedented foreign influence campaign’ by Saudi Arabia – including ‘all-expenses paid’ trips to Washington, D.C., with stays at the new Trump International Hotel for veterans willing to lobby to weaken a new law permitting Saudi officials to be sued for complicity in the 2001 terror attacks.” Attorneys for the families “charge that Saudi operatives ‘duped’ hundreds of veterans into lobbying on the issue – warning them that under the new law they could be subjected to retaliatory lawsuits in foreign countries – without disclosing the effort was being bankrolled by the Saudi government. ‘In service of this dangerous effort to influence Congress into passing legislative text promoted by a foreign power, the Kingdom and its foreign agents have targeted U.S. veterans nationwide’ and ‘deceived them into serving as unwitting advocates for the Saudi government,’ according to a letter sent Wednesday to Attorney General Jeff Sessions by lawyers for the ‘9/11 Families and Survivors United for Justice Against Terrorism,’ a group that represents thousands of 9/11 family victims.”

## LAW ENFORCEMENT AT WORK

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### Howell, Idaho Police Save Elderly Woman From Lottery Scam.

[WKXW-FM](#)   Trenton, NJ (3/29) reports that after the arrest of a suspicious male who had narcotics, \$2,000 in cash and a MoneyGram from Costa Rica, authorities were able to save an elderly woman from a lottery scam conducted by the man. Months of investigation led by Patrolman David Levine and Detective Anthony Romano “determined that the MoneyGrams had come from a WalMart in Idaho, with 10 MoneyGrams found during the investigation totaling \$9,800.” Surveillance footage from the store showed that they were sent by a 71-year-old woman, according to police. The woman told the FBI that she was contacted by someone identifying himself as “Special Agent Frank Anderson of the Department of Homeland Security.” She reported the man telling her that she won a lottery in England but first she had to pay pre-tax before getting her prize. WKXW reports, “Investigators learned that the woman had prepared close to \$50,000 in MoneyGrams, sending them to various places, including Costa Rica.”

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## POLICING & POLICY

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### **Boston Police Issues Public Reminder About Dangers Of Fake Guns.**

The [Boston Globe](#)   (10/18, McGuinness) reports the Boston Police Department issued a public reminder on its Twitter page on Monday about the dangers of fake weapons. The department “recovered a replica gun from a 20-year-old man in Dorchester Monday.” The Twitter post has several pictures of the replica revolver with the caption, “If a suspect told you the gun pictured was fake, would you take his word for it?...There’s a reason replica guns are banned in Boston.” The Globe points to statements by Commissioner William B. Evans from a November 2015 conference when the replica guns were banned. Evans said, “We all too often encounter young people who are carrying these fake guns and even though they are fake, the public and the police don’t know they are.”



### **Some Police Departments Adopting Pit Bulls As Police Dogs.**

The [Independent \(UK\)](#)   (10/18, Revesz) reports some US police Departments are “adopting pit bulls as police dogs, saving thousands of dollars on pure breeds and rescuing the animals from euthanasia.” The Independent says a New York-based group the Animal Farm Foundation started a program two years ago that contributes to training the animals. Through the program “11 pit bulls have been placed with police departments.” Brad Croft, of the Animal Farm Foundation, says, “Any dog that has the drive, confidence, and desire to work can do it. Breed does not dictate a dog’s ability to work.”

## COMMUNITY

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### **Advisory Council Releases Recommendations To Reduce Human Trafficking In US.**

The [Washington Post](#)   (10/18, Morello) says a federal advisory council on human trafficking released a report Tuesday “recommending steps to reduce” human trafficking in the United States. The report “was written by 11 survivors of human trafficking, both in labor and the sex trade,” and “suggested that survivors of trafficking help train law enforcement officers and develop public awareness campaigns.” The group “called for more money to create safe houses where survivors can stay while they overcome their trauma and prepare for an independent life.” The report also called for more funds to be “made available for job training, education and financial counseling.”



## CRIME & DRUGS

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### **Law Enforcement Groups Worried Pot Legalization Will Lead To Increase In DUI Cases.**

The [Los Angeles Times](#)   (10/18, McGreevy) reports in a 1,485-word analysis that Proposition 64, the California ballot measure that would legalize recreational marijuana use in the state, has raised the concern of many law enforcement officials and prosecutors who warn the California is ill-prepared to handle an expected significant increase in people driving under the influence of marijuana. Lt. Gov. Gavin Newsom, the highest elected official in the state to support the initiative, said it would help develop standards for enforcing safe driving laws. But several law enforcement groups argue that such standards need to be in place before voters consider legalization.

### **Chicago Surpasses 600 Homicides In 2016.**

The [Chicago Sun-Times](#)   (10/18, Charles) reports Chicago has had more than 600 homicides this year – a 24 percent increase compared to the same time in 2015, and “about 100 killings more than the homicide totals in New York and Los Angeles combined this year.” Nonfatal shootings in Chicago have also increased drastically in 2016. As of last week, 2,100









people have been shot and wounded this year, compared with approximately 1,400 people shot and wounded by this time in 2015. As of mid-October, Chicago police had made arrests in 115 homicide cases this year. In a statement Tuesday, Chicago Police Supt. Eddie Johnson said, "While we have increased our enforcement efforts this month – including arrests for murder and illegal gun confiscations – the lack of accountability for repeat gun offenders is sickening and it continues to drive the cycle of violence in Chicago."

## OFFICER SAFETY & WELLNESS

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### FBI Statistics Show Decrease In Officer On-Duty Deaths In 2015.

Citing an FBI report, the [AP](#)   (10/18) reports that the "number of law enforcement officers killed as a result of criminal acts decreased in 2015 from the year before, dropping from 51 to 41." Most of the slain officers – 38 – were killed with firearms. An additional 50,000 officers were assaulted while on the job. Forty-five officers, the report says, were killed accidentally, many during road accidents. "The report covers officers who were killed during ambushes, traffic pursuits, tactical situations, domestic disturbance calls and while handling prisoners and individuals with mental illness, among other situations," the AP says. The [Washington Post](#)   (10/18, Berman) reports that preliminary statistics for this year show that more officers have been shot so far in 2016 than during all of last year. "There have been 46 officers shot and killed, according to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund, a nonprofit that tracks line-of-duty deaths. In a report released earlier this year, the fund said that more than half of the officers killed by that point were shot in ambushes," the Post says. [USA Today](#)   (10/18, Johnson) notes that 2015's numbers represent a departure from a high of 72 in 2011 and a low of 27 in 2013.

## TECHNOLOGY

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### Growing Use Of Facial-ID Technology By Law Enforcement Raises Civil Rights Concerns.



The [Washington Post](#)   (10/18, A1, Timberg) reports on its front page that the increasing use of facial-recognition systems "has led to a high-tech form of racial profiling, with African Americans more likely than others to have their images captured, analyzed and reviewed during computerized searches for crime suspects, according to a new report based on records from dozens of police departments." The report, set for release today by the Center for Privacy & Technology at Georgetown University's law school, "found that half of all American adults have their images stored in at least one facial-recognition database that police can search, typically with few restrictions." The Post adds that "the steady expansion of these systems has led to a disproportionate racial impact because African Americans are more likely to be arrested and have mug shots taken, one of the main ways that images end up in police databases."

## NATIONAL SECURITY



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### FBI Conducts Training Exercises For Belgian Police.

The [Wall Street Journal](#)   (10/17, Barnes) reports that amid the rising threat of well-armed terrorists in Europe, the FBI recently held a series of training exercises for police in Belgium to help prepare them for active shooter situations. US officials, the Journal says, hope to provide training to police in more European countries.

The [AP](#)   (10/18) reports Belgium's Federal Prosecutor's Office says four people have been charged "with participating in the activities of a terrorist organization, including by funding it and recruiting people to fight with the Islamic State group in Syria." The announcement came after 15 homes were searched on Tuesday in the cities of Antwerp, Ghent, and Deinze.

### Terrorism A Major Concern Worldwide, Survey Finds.

The [Washington Post](#)   (10/18, Morello) reports a new survey of eight countries, commissioned by the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS), found "fear of an imminent terrorist attack is one of the top concerns...with most expecting extremist groups will acquire weapons of mass destruction." In addition, the poll revealed "many people think their governments are not doing enough to combat violent extremism." Shannon Green, the head of the CSIS Commission on Countering Violent Extremism, said the survey "shows there is so much fear and anxiety about terrorism and the reach of terrorism groups, people are willing to try just about anything, even give up constitutional protections on free speech, and identity cards, though it's not even clear what that would do."

## TUESDAY'S LEAD STORIES

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- [IACP President Apologizes For Police Actions Toward Minority Groups.](#)



- **New York Health Department Finds That Fentanyl Has Contributed To Half Of Overdose Deaths Since July.**
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## POLICING & POLICY

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### New Orleans Police Publishes Use Of Force Data Online.

The [New Orleans Times-Picayune](#)   (8/26) reported the New Orleans Police Department published data regarding use of force by its officers online for the first time. The dataset, which is updated daily, is part of an effort to make police data more accessible to the public. NOPD Superintendent Michael Harrison said, in a news release, "Transparency and accountability are at the center of building trust between police and the community."



### London Police Chief Discusses Cyberfraud Investigations.



[The Guardian \(UK\)](#)   (8/27, Collinson) interviews commissioner of the City of London Police Ian Dyson about the strategies and limitations of cyberfraud investigations. Dyson says some of the limitations of investigations are budgets, and foreign jurisdictions that don't provide assistance. Dyson describes his method for stopping cybercriminals as "disruption." He "reckons the best approach for his force is to gain intelligence from the public and other government agencies, and use that to intervene before more victims are conned."



## CRIME & DRUGS

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### Several States Suffer Heroin Overdose Outbreaks Over Past Week.

The [AP](#)   (8/26) reported on heroin overdose spikes in Indiana, Kentucky, Ohio and West Virginia in that last few days, which have affected dozens, leaving six dead. The AP said rescue workers have been "rushing from scene to scene to provide overdose antidote drugs" and that the outbreak "reflect[s] the potency of heroin flooding the Midwest." Without the antidote naloxone, the AP said the spikes would be much worse. An estimated 174 individuals suspected of overdosing on heroin have come into emergency rooms this week.

The outbreak has revealed how ill-prepared states are in terms of resources to "treat all of people addicted to opioids," [USA Today](#)   (8/27) reported. The article said police in Ohio have requested public assistance "in identifying the source of heroin sold here that caused scores of overdoses." Newtown, Ohio Police Chief Tom Synan said, "We're working very closely to find the source dealer ... We don't have anything solid to go off of."

The [New York Times](#)   (8/26, Rogers) reported the epidemic is being blamed on a version of heroin mixed with fentanyl, which makes it "100 times as strong as morphine," though officials in Cincinnati have said "that a synthetic drug, carfentanil – 10,000 times as potent as morphine – could be tied to at least 189 overdoses across both states in the past week." Carfentanil, the Times said, is a drug "used to tranquilize large animals like elephants." Ohio and Indiana officials have said that more doses of Narcan, or naloxone, are needed to help overdose patients survive.



### Spanish Police Break Up Illegal Immigration Ring.

The [AP](#)   (8/27) reports Spanish Police arrested 57 people and "dismantled an illegal immigration ring giving Chinese citizens Spanish residency permits through fake job contracts as domestic staff." Police "said...the arrests took place in Barcelona, Valencia, San Sebastian and Las Palmas, one of the Canary Islands."

## OFFICER SAFETY & WELLNESS

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### Officer Saved After Police Badge Deflects Bullet.

The [Los Angeles Times](#)   (8/26, Branson-Potts) reported an officer was saved after a bullet deflected off of his badge in a shootout with a man in Huntington Beach, California. Officers responded to a domestic violence call and began following a man





in a vehicle leaving from the residence. After a short pursuit, the man drove towards officers and starting firing at them. Huntington Beach Police Department spokeswoman Officer Jennifer Marlatt says one of the bullets “ricocheted off the police badge worn by one of the officers, who was treated at a hospital and released Friday morning.” The suspect kept driving through several counties before driving off of a freeway and perishing in a vehicle fire.

### PKK Claims Responsibility For Attack On Turkish Police Headquarters.



The [AP](#)   (8/26, Press) reports at least 11 police officers died and 78 were wounded in a Friday suicide truck bombing on police headquarters near the southeastern Turkish town of Cizre, a predominately Kurdish Sirnak province on the Syrian-Turkish border. [AFP](#)   (8/26) reports the outlawed Kurdistan Workers’ Party, or PKK, claimed responsibility for the assault. The PKK claimed it conducted the attack to retaliate against the “continued isolation” of imprisoned PKK leader Abdullah Ocalan and a “lack of information” about Ocalan’s welfare.

## TECHNOLOGY

### Colorado Police Release DNA-Crafted Drawing Of Killer In Unsolved Triple Murder.



[Reuters](#)   (8/25, Coffman) reported Colorado police working on a cold-case triple murder “released on Thursday a computer-generated image of a suspect based on DNA left behind by the killer at the scene of the crime.” The technique, known as DNA phenotyping, “crafted a rendering of the suspect as he likely would have appeared at about age 25,” and was also used to develop “an age-enhanced image of how he might look today.” Police said several traits such as ancestry, eye color, hair color, face shape, and others can be derived from a DNA sample. Aurora Police Department Detective Steven Conner says, “This is the first time we have had some idea of who we’re looking for.”

### UK Police To Test Facial Recognition Software At Large Festival.



The [Daily Mail](#)   (8/27, Boyle) reports UK’s Metropolitan Police plan to test facial recognition software, known as Face Examiner, that “automatically scans faces in the crowd of up to one million people” in real-time at the Notting Hill Carnival. The scanned images will be “compared against a database of custody and arrest photographs as well as a list of people banned from attending the event.” A police spokesman says, “If a match is made by the system, officers will be alerted and will seek to speak with the individual to verify their identity, making an arrest if necessary.”

## ALSO IN THE NEWS

### California Governor Signs Bill Banning Cellphone Cases That Look Like Guns.

The [Los Angeles Times](#)   (8/26, McGreevy) reports a bill signed by California Gov. Jerry Brown will outlaw “Cellphone cases made to look like guns.” Assemblyman Jim Cooper introduced the bill to address “concerns by law enforcement officials that the phone cases might be mistaken by police officers for a real firearm and lead to a violent confrontation.” Accordingly, the bill makes it a misdemeanor to “import, manufacture or sell smartphone cases that look like guns starting Jan. 1.”

### Ohio Judge Upholds Registry For Gun Offenders.

The [AP](#)   (8/25) reported a judge in Ohio upheld a law that requires “Cleveland residents newly convicted of gun offenses to register with the police department.” The law requires resident charged with gun offenses to “register within five days of being convicted or released from prison.”

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## POLICING & POLICY

### Justice Department Launches Implicit Bias Training.



The [Washington Post](#)   (6/28, Yoder) reports that the Justice Department has "said it will train its law enforcement agents and prosecutors to recognize and address how their own implicit bias affects their workplace decisions." Deputy Attorney General Sally Q. Yates said in a memo to employees that "the training will involve some 23,000 agents in the department's four major law enforcement branches plus 5,800 lawyers in the 94 U.S. Attorney's offices." She said that implicit bias "presents unique challenges to effective law enforcement, because it can alter where investigators and prosecutors look for evidence and how they analyze it without their awareness or ability to compensate." The [Federal Times](#)   (6/28, Cordell) reports that Attorney General Loretta Lynch said, "Today's announcement is an important step in our ongoing efforts to promote fairness, eliminate bias and build the stronger, safer, more just society that all Americans deserve."

### Ninth Circuit Hears Arguments In Warrantless NSA Spying Case.

[Reuters](#)   (7/6, Volz) reports that the Ninth Circuit was scheduled Wednesday to hear a constitutional challenge "to a warrantless government surveillance program brought by" Mohamed Osman Mohamud, "an Oregon man found guilty of attempting to detonate a bomb in 2010 during a Christmas tree-lighting ceremony." Reuters explains that the case "is the first of its kind to consider whether a criminal defendant's constitutional privacy rights are violated under a National Security Agency program that allows spying on Americans' international phone calls and internet communications."

## CRIME & DRUGS

### House, Senate Negotiators Finalize Deal For Opioid Bill, But Partisan Differences Could Derail It.

The [Washington Post](#)   (7/6, Demirjian) reports that on Wednesday, House and Senate negotiators "finalized a deal to combat heroin and prescription drug abuse, but the bill's chances of clearing Congress could be complicated by Democrats who argue it does not include enough funding." The measure enjoys bipartisan support, yet Democrats have been pushing "for the additional funding, arguing that without it, the bill will not deliver on its promise to help stem the growing abuse of opioids across the country." According to Sen. Patty Murray (D-WA), the bill "should include the funding necessary to actually fight that epidemic."

## FROM IACP

### Call for Case Examples



The IACP continues to track hot button issues facing our membership. One such issue is the continued threat that smartphone encryption poses to law enforcement when investigating crimes and keeping the public safe. As part of that effort, it is important that our members continue to provide examples in which smartphone encryption has impeded aspects of an investigation or prevented the identification of potential suspects resulting in an unsolved case. Please send anecdotal stories or specific case examples





where encryption has impacted an investigation to Sarah Guy at [guy@theiacp.org](mailto:guy@theiacp.org).

## TECHNOLOGY

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### Fairfax County, Virginia To Upgrade 911 System.

[WTOP-FM](#)   Washington (7/6, King) reports that Fairfax County, Virginia will upgrade to accommodate Next Generation 911 by or before early 2017, according to Fairfax County 911 Director Steve Souder. He said, "The transmittal of the videos and the still photographs are one of the key features of the next generation of 911." According to the International Association of Chiefs of Police, "NG911" will "also allow law enforcement and the public to better communicate using text messages."



### Slate: House Report Mischaracterizes Terrorist Use Of Encryption.

[Slate](#)   (7/6, Wheeler) says a report the House Homeland Security Committee put out in late June on encryption "reminds policymakers that the encryption debate goes well beyond whether the FBI can break into iPhones: It affects whether we can bank, obtain health advice, or shop online." However, Slate says that the report "makes unsubstantiated, factually incorrect claims about terrorists' use of encryption: 'Public engagement on encryption issues surged following the 2015 terrorist attacks in Paris and San Bernardino,' the report claims, 'particularly when it became clear that the attackers used encrypted communications to evade detection – a phenomenon known as 'going dark.''" Slate says "the statement has grains of truth to it" but "fails to recognize the degree to which encryption is about criminal enforcement, not hunting terrorists, something" FBI Director James "Comey himself has admitted in congressional testimony."

### Android Update Designed To Curb Ransomware Infections.

The [Washington Times](#)   (7/6, Blake) reports that the next release of Android, code-named Nougat, "will reportedly make it more difficult for hackers to compromise mobile devices with ransomware, potentially resolving cybersecurity concerns raised by recent explosion of infections suffered by smart phones." According to a blog post written Tuesday by Dinesh Venkatesan, a principal threat analysis engineer at security firm Symantec, "the new OS will implement a feature intended to keep hackers from locking Android users out of their devices with ransomware." The Times points out that "ransomware infections caused more than \$1.6 million in damages last year, per the FBI's own account, and a report published last month by Kaspersky Labs revealed that the number Android users attacked with ransomware went up nearly 300 percent between 2014 and 2015."



### Research Questions Accuracy Of Facial Recognition Systems.

The [MIT Technology Review](#)   (7/6) reports that "law enforcement agencies haven't provided many details on how they use facial recognition systems, but in June the Government Accountability Office issued a report saying that the FBI has not properly tested the accuracy of its face matching system, nor that of the massive network of state-level face matching databases it can access." The Review also points out that "images taken under less-than-ideal circumstances, like bad lighting, or that capture unusual poses and facial expressions, can lead to errors." Anil Jain, head of the biometrics research group at Michigan State University, "and several colleagues used a set of mugshots from the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office in Florida to examine the performance of several commercially available face recognition systems" and found they "were consistently less accurate on women, African-Americans, and younger people."

## NATIONAL SECURITY

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### Ninth Circuit Orders Release Of Detained Immigrant Children, But Not Parents.

The [Washington Times](#)   (7/6, Dinan) reports that the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals has ruled that "agents can detain illegal immigrant parents who try to break into the U.S. with their children." The Times adds that the ruling, while "delivering a victory to one of the Obama administration's remaining get-tough immigration policies," also means that "the children themselves must be quickly released from custody and sent to live with relatives or other sponsors – a blow to the administration's argument." The court "said a 1997 agreement on government treatment of unaccompanied children caught at the border should also apply to children who are traveling as a family, with a parent."

## LAW ENFORCEMENT AT WORK

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### Police Officers Use Military Training To Save Shooting Victim.

The [Chicago Tribune](#)   (7/6, Moreno) reports that "Chicago police officers Alejandro Cabral and Juan Zuniga of the Fourth District responded about 7:30 a.m. to a report of a person shot and spotted a man hunched over near a fence in the 8400 block of South Mackinaw Avenue." The Tribune says that when they approached the man it was apparent that he was bleeding and "Cabral, an Army veteran, began applying pressure to the man's chest wound." The paper says that "when that failed, he asked Zuniga, who was a Navy veteran, to grab a QuikClot Combat Gauze from the first aid kit in his vest and used it to control the bleeding until paramedics arrived." Cabral and Zuniga were familiar with the combat bandage from the experience in the military and that "Cabral used a portion of his department allowance to buy the bandages himself, and said every officer should be required to have them."

The [Chicago Sun-Times](#)   (7/6, Dudek) has a similar report.

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Dr. Bill Lewinski often notes in his public presentations that the average high school football player gets more training in his sport in his brief career than the average peace officer receives in use-of-force instruction across his or her entire working life. Now a first-of-its-kind survey by Calibre Press has confirmed that dismal truth.

*Document 640452*

More Newly Added Documents

- [Connecticut's Facial Recognition Bill: A Model for States?](#) (*Document 640451*)
- [Armed Unmanned Aircraft Systems?](#) (*Document 640428*)



### Policies

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► **Vehicle Pursuits** [Get It Now](#)

This policy is from the New Orleans, Louisiana Police Department Operations Manual. This policy governs vehicle pursuits in order to protect the safety of involved officers, the public, fleeing violators, and property.

*Document 640450*

More Newly Added Policies

- [Private Alarm and Medical Assist Response](#) (*Document 640438*)
- [Use of Force Review Board](#) (*Document 640423*)



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## POLICING & POLICY

### House Passes Bill Aimed At Training First Responders To Improve Cybersecurity.

[FierceGovernmentIT](#)   (5/18, Bird) reports the House passed the National Cybersecurity Preparedness Consortium Act of 2016 on Monday, which would "create a national group to help states and first responders improve cybersecurity." FierceGovernmentIT says the bill would allow the national group to coordinate with DHS "to help states and communities share information" dealing with "cybersecurity risk, incident prevention and response into emergency plans." FierceGovernmentIT adds that the "bill now moves to the Senate."

## COMMUNITY

### Tampa Officials Upset Over Walmart's Use Of Law Enforcement.

The [Tampa Bay \(FL\) Times](#)   (5/18, Morel, Sampson) reports local officials have reacted to a recent Times investigation of Walmart's reliance on local law enforcement. At a meeting Wednesday, Hillsborough County Commissioner Victor Crist said, "I believe that there's an issue here of an extraordinary expense being passed on to the taxpayer for what might be a responsibility of the business owner," and he added that has instructed the county attorney's office to work with the Sheriff's Office and county administrator to force businesses to pay for excessive calls to law enforcement. The Times says the city council and Walmart officials will discuss ways to "decrease calls to police, including hiring more security or off-duty officers."



## FROM IACP



This week, the IACP launched the [Institute for Community-Police Relations](#). The Institute's mission is to advance a universal culture of cohesion and trust between police and the communities they serve. To achieve this mission, the Institute will provide law enforcement agencies with the tools, resources, and guidance to help build community trust and engagement, foster transparency and accountability, and safeguard officer well-being, while reducing crime and increasing public safety.

## CRIME & DRUGS

### NYTimes Analysis: Congress Moves On Opioid Addiction, But Not Its Source.


The [New York Times](#)   (5/18, Harris, Huetteman) reports Congress and President Obama for now appear "ready to allow opioid prescriptions to remain widely accessible...and instead focus on the treatment of addiction, not its source." While Congress passed bills this spring to strengthen drug monitoring and treatment and abuse-prevention programs, "more quietly," a different measure was enacted last month that "curtailed" DEA powers "to pursue pharmacies and wholesalers that the agency believes have contributed to the epidemic."

## TECHNOLOGY

### FAA Conducts Trial Of FBI Anti-Drone Technology.

[Popular Science](#)   (5/18) reports that earlier this month, the FAA conducted tests to study the effectiveness of an FBI drone detection system at New York's JFK airport. "Five different rotorcraft and fixed wing UAS participated in the evaluations, and about 40 separate tests took place," the FAA said in a press release. According to Popular Science, the FAA has not released the results of the tests "because the tests were about finding security flaws" and "it's unlikely the agencies involved want to publicize any weaknesses they found." DHS, DOJ and several local agencies also took part in the operation.

### Developers Say Russian Facial Recognition App Is 70 Percent Accurate.

The [Washington Post](#)   (5/18, Guarino) reports the Russian developers behind the facial recognition app "FindFace" claim the app can "identify a random passerby with about 70 percent accuracy" if a photo of the individual is taken and the individual has a social media profile. The Post adds that the developers "say their facial recognition software could be used by authorities to fight crime." Developer Alexander Kabakov claims "Russian police officers have used FindFace to solve crimes, for which there were photographs or closed-circuit footage," according to the Post.

## NATIONAL SECURITY

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### White House Defends Immigration Raids.

Amid "a sustained outcry from advocacy groups," the White House on Wednesday defended a new round of immigration raids, saying they "should discourage families in Central America from sending their children to the US illegally," the [Washington Times](#)   (5/18, Boyer) reports. Press Secretary Josh Earnest told reporters, "This should send a pretty clear signal to everyone, particularly individuals who are considering having their children smuggled into the country, that that's a really bad idea."

## ALSO IN THE NEWS

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### Columbus Letter Returned To Italy Following Joint American-Italian Police Investigation.

The [Washington Post](#)   (5/18, Tharoor) reports, "A stolen copy of a rare 15th-century letter written by Christopher Columbus was repatriated to Italy this week and unveiled in a ceremony in Rome that was attended by U.S Ambassador John Phillips and Italian Culture Minister Enrico Franceschini." In 2012, Italy's Carabinieri realized a copy in a Florence library was a forgery, and "a subsequent American-Italian investigation led to the genuine document's handover this week."

## LAW ENFORCEMENT AT WORK

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### Video Of Officer Helping Child With Autism Goes Viral.

The [Atlanta Journal-Constitution](#)   (5/18) reports a Facebook video of Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department Officer Tim Purdy "helping a young autistic high school student who had left campus" has gone viral. Officer Purdy, in interviews, "shined a light on the positive work of his brothers and sisters in blue" and "said they often respond to help people with mental health issues." The Journal-Constitution says the video has "led to an outpouring of positive support online about Purdy's work and all police."

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- [US Judge Rules DC Gun Restriction Law Likely Unconstitutional.](#)
- [California City To Install Surveillance Cameras To Stop Gang-Related Highway Killings.](#)
- [Studies Question The Effectiveness Of Body Cameras.](#)
- [France To Use Anti-Drone Technology For Major Soccer Tournament.](#)
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