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## POLICING & POLICY

### US Attorney General: Police Officers Deserve Respect, Support

In an op-ed for the [New York Post](#) (12/16), US Attorney General William Barr writes, "Serving as a cop in America is harder than ever – and it comes down to respect. A deficit of respect for the men and women in blue who daily put their lives on the line for the rest of us is hurting recruitment and retention and placing communities at risk." Barr adds, "There is no tougher job in the country than serving as a law-enforcement officer. Every morning, officers across the country get up to see their loved ones and put on their protective vests. They head out on patrol never knowing what threats and trials they will face. Their families endure restless nights, so we can sleep peacefully." Policing "is only getting harder," but "it's uniquely important." Law enforcement is a noble calling, and we are fortunate that there are still men and women of character willing to serve selflessly so that their fellow citizens can live securely." Barr argues that "without a serious focus on officer recruitment and retention, including a renewed appreciation for our men and women in blue, there won't be enough police officers to do the job," and "support for officers, at a minimum, means adequate funding. It also means lending them an extra degree of respect for having chosen a trying life of public service." Barr concludes, "When we show our respect and appreciation for our law enforcement officers, we say more about our love of liberty and justice than perhaps any other act."

### Police Surveillance Planes To Fly Above Baltimore, Maryland In 2020

The [AP](#) (12/20, Cano) reports, "The city of Baltimore will be monitored by surveillance airplanes for up to six years a year under a pilot program announced Friday that is aimed at helping law enforcement investigate violent crime and effectively restart a tactic secretly used three years ago." According to the AP, the flights "will start in May and gain momentum during the hours when the city experiences high rates of crime." Baltimore Police Commissioner Michael Harrison is saying, "We will be the first American city to use this technology in an attempt to solve and deter violent crime." The flights "The three planes will fly simultaneously, covering about 90 percent of the city, said Baltimore police spokesman Michael Harrison. The resolution of the footage won't be sharp enough for officers to identify faces, but should help them track movements and actions."

### New Zealand's Ban On Most Semiautomatic Weapons Takes Effect

The [New York Times](#) (12/20, Zraick) reports, "A sweeping nationwide ban on most semiautomatic weapons took effect in New Zealand on Saturday, as a months-long gun buyback and amnesty program ended amid debate over its success." New Zealand Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern "had announced a temporary ban just days after a terror attack on two mosques in Christchurch in March that left 51 people dead and was streamed live on Facebook. Weeks later, all but one of Parliament's members voted to pass the ban."



dogged police work,' he said, including the Austin Police Department, Texas Rangers and FBI. 'It's really through that that we were able to recover that baby, which is one of the greatest things I think we would do, is save a child,' Com [Fox News](#) (12/21, Dedaj) reported that a "close friend" of Broussard's "unwittingly revealed details about connected in the case during a live podcast interview Thursday night." According to Fox, "As police were zeroing in on – later identified by media as Magen Fieramusca – a close friend of Broussard was being interviewed live on the 'Jay crime podcast, where she reportedly revealed details about the long friendship between the two women."

## **Ninety-Six Charged In Crackdown On MS-13 In New York**

In a front-page story, the [New York Times](#) (12/20, A1, Feuer) reports "the Suffolk County district attorney's office announced on Friday that it had brought a series of sweeping charges against 96 members and associates of the not transnational street gang known as MS-13, capping a two-year investigation with a team of local, state and federal p According to the Times, "officials said that the case revealed on Friday was the biggest crackdown ever on the group York, and had dealt its local cells, or cliques, a significant blow." President Trump on Friday "went on [Twitter](#) (the arrests as an argument for his immigration policy, saying that the gang takedown was an example of how 'we are MS-13 gang members, and many other people that shouldn't be here, out of our country.'"

The [Washington Post](#) (12/20, Epstein) reports Suffolk County District Attorney Tim Sini "said the sting had to the 'New York Program,' an effort by MS-13 to entrench its operation on the East Coast." He added, "Was this a r against MS-13 in the region? Absolutely. Is the battle over? Absolutely not." The Post adds that in a subsequent inter it, "Sini estimated that there are 'hundreds' of MS-13 members on Long Island." President Trump "mentioned MS-13: as Wednesday at a rally in Battle Creek, Mich., boasting that his administration had taken large numbers of 'MS-13 t our country.'"

The [AP](#) (12/20) reported, "MS-13, also known as Mara Salvatrucha, is considered one of the top transnati organized crime threats in the United States. Violence committed by the gang, including the 2016 slayings of two te helped spark an aggressive effort by the FBI and the US Justice Department to dismantle the gang."

## **CDC Indicates Rise In Americans Driving While High, Says Impaired Driving "Serious Public Health Concern"**

[U.S. News & World Report](#) (12/20, Galvin) reported, "About 12 million Americans drove while high on marijuana while 20.5 million people drove drunk, according to new data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention." findings were "based on a [survey](#) of nearly 48,000 people in 2018." CDC researchers said, "Impaired driving is public health concern that needs to be addressed to safeguard the health and safety of all who use the road." The fi "represent an uptick in drugged driving since 2014" and "show a decline in drunk driving."

The [Miami Herald](#) (12/20, Gilmour) reported nearly "4.7 percent of Americans older than 16 reported dri the influence of marijuana last year," according to the data. Additionally, "0.9 percent of the over-16 population, or 1 million people – said they had driven under the influence of drugs other than weed in the previous 12 months, rese said."

## **OFFICER SAFETY & WELLNESS**

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### **Police In Maui Launch Mobile App To Help Manage Stress**

The [AP](#) (12/21) reports from Wailuku, Hawaii, "Officials on Maui have launched a wellness mobile app for poli to help them deal with the stress of the job." The Maui Police Department "is the first in the state to try out the tecl offers information on mental health issues and contains contacts for mental health providers, such as psychologists clinical social workers. The app also has contact numbers for police officers and police chaplains who can provide pe 'Officers witness trauma on a daily basis, and they are carrying that burden,' said Police Chief Tivoli Faamu, who ha officers who have committed suicide. 'MPD wants to support our officers and families by providing them with the tc

them cope with the daily challenges.” The app “helps department employees seek help anonymously without any s Faaumu added,” and “there is also access to the Hawaii Crisis Line that offers 24-hour help to anyone experiencing a health crisis.”

## TECHNOLOGY

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### University Students Create Crime Data Analysis System For Nebraska Law Enforcement

The [Omaha \(NE\) World-Herald](#)   (12/21, Sanderford) reports, “Big-city crime data analysis is coming to Sarpy Co through a collaboration between law enforcement agencies in the county and the University of Nebraska at Omaha. to the World-Herald, last week, “students at the UNO College of Information Science and Technology demonstrated officials the crime data analysis system that they created using Sarpy 911 call data.” The World-Herald adds, “Educat enforcement officials say the new effort has the potential to make the jobs of street cops, sheriff’s deputies and fire safer, improve response times and cut down on crime. It just depends on where the program, which is still in its infa from here. ‘This is the trend in law enforcement --to utilize data to analyze things and be more efficient,’ said Kerry associate professor at the college, which is located in the Peter Kiewit Institute. Ward was a police officer for six yea Indianapolis before coming to UNO.”

### California Will Ban Police Use Of Facial Recognition Technology For Three Years Beginning Jan

The [San Diego Union-Tribune](#)   (12/20, Stegall) reports, “Regional law enforcement agencies have used facial re technology for years to help them identify people who are either unwilling or unable to identify themselves. To do t images taken with mobile devices against a database of nearly two million mugshots, looking for a match,” but “a ne that goes into effect in the new year will put a temporary end to the practice, which some say poses ethical, security risks.” The Union-Tribune adds, “Opinions differ among law enforcement authorities in San Diego County as to how will impact police work, but most agree that they are losing an efficient and effective tool. As a result, they’ll have to more time-consuming methods of identifying people, like fingerprinting. ‘Here was technology working at a quicker to make sure we identified people correctly... (to) get our officers back on the streets quicker to patrol and keep our safe,’ Chula Vista police Chief Roxana Kennedy said in an interview this week.”

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**From Chuck Wexler, Executive Director at PERF**

Dear PERF member,

A new issue of PERF's newsletter, Subject to Debate, is available online at <https://www.policeforum.org/assets/December2019Debate.pdf>. We will also mail you a hard copy of this newsletter.

The newsletter begins with news about PERF's Board of Directors. NYPD Commissioner James O'Neill announced his retirement from the department in November, so under PERF's bylaws, his term as PERF President ended at that time. Congratulations to Tempe, Arizona Chief of Police Sylvia Moir, who was elected PERF's new President, and our first woman President.

And we welcome three new members of the PERF Board: Baltimore Police Commissioner Michael Harrison; Irving, TX Chief Jeff Spivey; and Aurora, IL Chief Kristen Ziman.

Subject to Debate also provides an overview of the proceedings at PERF's Town Hall Meeting in Chicago on October 27. By the way, we have produced a 9-minute video that gives you a flavor of what the Town Hall was like. You can view it here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FOu9ZjWUciY>

The newsletter also has articles on 3 topics we discussed at the Town Hall:

- Suicide by Cop situations, and PERF's new Protocol and Training Guide to help agencies resolve these incidents without using lethal force, and in many cases without using any force;
- The future of Facial Recognition technology in policing; and
- Strategies for expanding programs that promote police officers' wellness, and help to prevent officer suicides.

I hope you will find our newsletter interesting and informative.

And my best to you for the holidays!

Chuck Wexler

## PERF Members Share Ideas for Preventing Police Suicide

IN OCTOBER, PERF RELEASED *An Occupational Risk: What Every Police Agency Should Do to Prevent Suicide Among Its Officers*<sup>9</sup>. This report is based on research and a national conference of police and sheriffs' department officials at the New York City Police Department headquarters last April. It provides 10 recommended actions for preventing suicide among officers.

At the Town Hall Meeting, PERF members discussed how their agencies are working toward that goal:

### LOS ANGELES POLICE CHIEF MICHEL MOORE:

**We Have 17 Police Psychologists on Staff, But There Is Still a Stigma to Getting Mental Health Care**

The LAPD is in its 50th year with trained police psychologists on staff, and we currently



### NYPD CHIEF OF DEPARTMENT TERRY MONAHAN:

**We Help Officers Get Help from Private Psychologists, In Case They Are Reluctant to Use Our People**

Like the LAPD, we have to be careful about taking guns away for self-referral cases, because if we take someone's gun away as soon as they come forward and seek help, very few people will come forward. We want to do everything we can to encourage people to seek assistance in the first place.

We're helping people go to private psychologists outside our agency who accept our insurance. Then our people can get help, even if they don't feel comfortable with us being involved in the process.



employ 17 of them. As those psychologists work with our sworn and civilian personnel, we rely on them to constantly evaluate how much risk people pose to themselves.

Like any organization with 13,000 people, the LAPD has individuals who are going through psychological challenges. About 150 to 200 of our people self-refer to our psychologists each year. One element of addressing this issue is providing people a safe space to reach out early for confidential help.

We are by no means perfect. With our support, our union just conducted a survey and found that 60 to 70 percent of our personnel who responded said that there is still a stigma to reaching out and trying to get help.

On the question of whether to take an officer's firearm away when there are mental health issues, we tend to be hesitant to take that step. We worry about creating a psychological crisis by taking what many of us in law enforcement see as part of our job and our life. For as long as we've been in law enforcement, that weapon has been part of our identity. Whether that's right or not, I do believe that taking the weapon away can undermine a person's confidence.

Now, every supervisor has the authority to disarm an officer who they think may pose a threat to themselves. But we caution supervisors not to make that decision emotionally, and to carefully consider what, on balance, is in the best interest of the safety of everyone involved. Our goal is always to find ways to intervene and get people help before it gets to that point.



**AMTRAK CHIEF OF POLICE NEIL TRUGMAN:  
As Part of Their Jobs, Officers See Horrific Things,  
So We Must Provide the Support They Need**

As part of our jobs, officers see horrific things that can be very stressful. It is important for us to have a strong mental health program and a culture where officers see the value and want to use the resources available.

Together with our Employee Assistance Program, we work to provide our officers with the support they need following critical incidents. I take an active role in supporting our officers and creating a culture of strong peer support for mental health care, by sharing my personal experiences of participating in EAP programs throughout my career, to reduce the stigma some might feel about mental health care.



**NYPD COMMISSIONER JAMES O'NEILL:  
We Are Responding in Several Major Ways  
To the Spate of Officer Suicides We Experienced**

We had a one-star chief who was 30 days away from retirement take his own life in June, and soon after that, we had six more officers take their own lives in a short span of time.

We felt that we had programs in place prior to 2019—the Employee Assistance unit, the chaplains' unit. But with 10 suicides in one year, we knew we had to take additional steps. Everyone's smartphone now has an employee assistance app that lists the signs of depression and tells people where they can go for help.

9. <https://www.policeforum.org/assets/PreventOfficerSuicide.pdf>

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There were three big things we did. We had command-level training for all captains and above to give them guidance on how to address every roll call. We're also going to have peer counselors in every command throughout the city and on multiple tours.

And the biggest thing we did was enter into a partnership with New York Presbyterian, a major medical center, where a police officer can call, FaceTime, or get an appointment within 24 hours. It's anonymous and it's free.

**AURORA, IL CHIEF OF POLICE KRISTEN ZIMAN:  
A Firearms Owner ID Card Requirement  
Was Problematic in Illinois**

In Illinois, you need a firearm owner's identification (FOID) card in order to purchase a weapon, and police officers must have one as well. If you're deemed ineligible for a FOID card, then you cannot have a firearm.

About two years ago, one of my off-duty officers was at home and had taken his firearm out with the intention of dying by suicide. He made one call first, and that person called our officers. Our officers responded, and the officer was cooperative, acknowledged he needed help, and checked himself into a mental health facility.

Inpatients at mental health facilities are ineligible for FOID cards, so he lost his card when he checked himself into

I wonder how we can go about tackling those two issues at the same time. They are related, and we need more research on that connection.

**VIRGINIA BEACH CHIEF JIM CERVERA:  
Many of My Officers Sought Assistance  
After a Horrific Mass Shooting in May**

We had a mass shooting on May 31 that was the most horrific thing you can imagine.<sup>11</sup> After our incident, we set up an intense system of counseling and peer support. I was amazed at the number of cops who were there, and who they were. Everyone was there because they needed to get some things off their chests. I think it's created a huge culture shift in our department.

I'd encourage everyone else not to wait for something terrible to happen before you work on creating that culture shift.

**FAIRFAX COUNTY CHIEF ED ROESSLER:  
We Chiefs Need to Lead the Way  
To Ending Stigma and Establishing Wellness Programs**

As leaders in the profession, we need



the facility. He got the help he needed, and his doctor signed off on him coming back to full duty. The city was worried about liability, but we fought for him and had a third-party physician clear him to come back. Eventually we prevailed and he came back on duty, and he's doing great. But he was off for more than a year as we fought that system.

Unfortunately, all of this sent a message to the rest of our department that they shouldn't ask for mental health care. So we raised this issue with our state legislature, and they passed a law removing the requirement that officers need to have an FOID card. But even with the legislation, I still don't think our officers are convinced that they should come forward. They saw another officer go through hell because he asked for help. So we still have work to do.<sup>10</sup>

#### RETIRED MILWAUKEE CHIEF OF POLICE ED FLYNN:

#### **We Need to Address Alcohol Abuse In Connection with Officer Suicide**

To understand police suicide, I think it's crucial for us to understand the culture of alcohol abuse in policing. Many cops treat depression with alcohol. They treat stress with alcohol. And most of the suicides in agencies where I've been a police chief have involved alcohol.



10. "Don't You Dare Give Up on This Life." Chief Kristen Ziman blog, Nov. 9, 2019. <http://www.kristenziman.com/2019/11/dont-you-dare-give-up-on-this-life.html>

to recognize that stigma is the issue, and we must lead the way in getting rid of the stigma. Chiefs need to get out in front of it from the beginning, talking to the recruit classes to let them know that "it's okay not to be okay." We must expose recruits to the psychologist and peer support in the academy, so it becomes accepted as a normal part of policing.

And it's good to have mandatory mental health checks that coincide with your physicals.

#### ANN ARBOR, MI CHIEF OF POLICE MICHAEL COX:

#### **We're Working on Creating Incentives To Participate in Wellness Programs**

In Ann Arbor, we want to put incentives in place to encourage officers to participate in wellness programs. We're looking to count points towards promotion for officers who participate in the wellness program. It's an incentive and may be a way to break down the stigma that can be associated with those programs. Over time, we're hoping it will lead everyone to participate in our wellness program.



11. "New details emerge in the Virginia Beach mass shooting that left 12 people dead." CNN, June 3, 2019. <https://www.cnn.com/2019/06/02/us/virginia-beach-shooting-sunday/index.html>



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## POLICING & POLICY

### Additional 30 Tribes Given Enhanced Access To National Crime Databases

The [Nisqually Valley \(WA\) News](#) (12/19) reports, "The Department of Justice has selected an additional 30 Na American tribes to participate in the expansion of the Tribal Access Program for National Crime Information (TAP), a that provides federally recognized tribes the ability to access and exchange data with national crime information dat both criminal and non-criminal justice purposes." The Nisqually Tribe "was among those provided with enhanced ac the program. 'The Tribal Access Program is strengthening tribal governance and public safety in tribal communities ; United States,' U.S. Attorney General William P. Barr said in a press release. 'TAP provides law enforcement and triba governments real-time access to data that can help locate a missing person, identify a dangerous fugitive or prevent abuser from obtaining a gun, among many other important functions."

### Federal Study Finds Racial Bias In Facial-Recognition Systems

The [Washington Post](#) (12/19, Harwell) reports [a federal study](#) by the National Institute of Standards and found that "facial-recognition systems misidentified people of color more often than white people. ... Asian and Afri American people were up to 100 times as likely to be misidentified than white men, depending on the particular alg type of search," NIST found. The [New York Times](#) (12/19, Singer, Metz) says the report "confirms earlier studie that reported that facial-recognition systems from some large tech companies had much lower accuracy rates in ide female and darker-skinned faces than white male faces."

### Nearly 500 Guns Recovered During California Buyback

[SFGate \(CA\)](#) (12/19, Martin) reports, "Santa Clara County law enforcement traded cash for nearly 500 firearm: weekend in a gun buyback program hosted by Gilroy and Morgan Hill police." SFGate adds, "According to Santa Clara prosecutors, \$50,000 went towards buying back 493 guns from people in and around the South Bay." According to S "Participants, who did not have to identify themselves during the buyback, handed over 26 assault weapons, 205 ha rifles and 103 shotguns during Saturday's gun buyback in Gilroy." Law enforcement "offered \$100 for handguns, rifle shotguns and \$200 for assault weapons, all of which had to be functional. The buyback was limited to five weapons

### Boston Mayor Signs New Limits On Police Immigration Cooperation

The [AP](#) (12/19) reports Boston Mayor Marty Walsh "signed into law Thursday new restrictions meant to limit participation of city police in federal immigration enforcement matters."

The [Boston Globe](#) (12/19, Valencia) reports Boston's Trust Act of 2014 is "Boston's local law identifying its is known as a Sanctuary City," confidence in which, says the Globe, "has been undermined in recent years, however, repeated reports of incidents of Boston police cooperating with Immigration and Customs Enforcement." Mayor Wa administration worked with Councilor Josh Zakim, who spearheaded the original 2014 law, to draft a new ordinance more clearly spell out the intent of the Trust Act." That "directly prohibits police from engaging in civil deportation n releasing information about a person's immigration status to federal authorities for the enforcement of immigration

The [Boston Herald](#) (12/19, Cotter) reports Mayor Walsh "and Police Commissioner William Gross said Bos beefed-up sanctuary-city law is the best way to increase public safety."

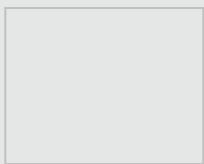
### **UK Police Launch Volunteer Task Force To Patrol Nightclub Dance Floors**

The [Daily Mail \(UK\)](#) (12/19, Levy) reports, "Volunteers funded by the police are being drafted in to patrol night attempt to help 'vulnerable' revellers." The Daily Mail adds, "Teams of two will guard dance floors and drinking area 'predatory behaviour', sexual assaults and fights. Known as Nightlife Crews, they will also tell bouncers if someone a have drunk too much and will help them find a taxi or locate their friends. The £30,000 scheme is being tested for 1. Essex and could be extended if successful. It could also be adopted by other forces." Volunteers "wear red jumpers c with the logo 'Here to help you' and will work between 10pm and 4am on Fridays and Saturdays in Colchester, Chel Basildon and Southend."

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Did you know there are ways to help fellow officers maintain optimal health? Register for the 2020 Officer Wellness Symposium to engage in workshops like Multi-Disciplinary Partnerships: A Team-Based Approach Sustainable Officer Wellness Strategies. This conference is held February 27-29 in Miami, FL. Join this colla forum to learn strategies in officer safety and health. Details are available at <http://bit.ly/2CY40Lt>.

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## **CRIME & DRUGS**

### **Anti-Mob Operation In Italy Leads To 334 Arrests**

[Reuters](#) (12/19) reports prosecutor Nicola Gratteri announced on Thursday that an anti-mob operation in Italy resulted in 334 arrests. Gratteri said the investigation that preceded the operation allegedly determined that politici "lawyers, accountants, public officials," and court clerks did favors for "Ndrangheta," a powerful Italian criminal grou investigators "say the group...is now Europe's top cocaine broker."

The [New York Times](#) (12/19, Povoledo) reports the 334 people who were arrested on Thursday "face a va

charges, including murder, extortion, usury, money laundering, drug trafficking, corruption, and belonging to a criminal syndicate.”

### **Judge Delays Parkland Shooting Trial**

[Fox News](#) [ ] (12/19, Givas) reports, “Parkland school shooting defendant Nikolas Cruz on Thursday had his day in court pushed back to at least next summer, following a judge’s order to postpone the trial date that was originally slated for next month.” Broward Circuit Judge Elizabeth Scherer “delayed the original Jan. 27 start date after Cruz’s attorneys asked for more time, and the prosecution agreed, The Associated Press reported.” Cruz, 21, “faces 17 counts of first-degree murder and 17 counts of attempted murder after the Feb. 14, 2018, shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Florida that killed 17 people and injured 17 others. If found guilty, he could face the death penalty.” His attorneys “reportedly said they would plead guilty in return for a life sentence, but the offer was roundly rejected by the prosecution.”

### **Millions Of Drivers May Be Operating A Car Under Influence Of Marijuana Or Other Illicit Drugs, Research Indicates**

[CNN](#) [ ] (12/19, Christensen) reports, “The most recent national estimates of drivers who operate a car under the influence of marijuana put the numbers in the millions, according to a new [report](#) [ ] from the” CDC published in the *Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report*. The report revealed that “in 2018, 12 million American adults said they had driven under the influence of weed in the 12 months prior to the survey,” while “about 2.3 million said they had driven under the influence of other drugs such as cocaine or methamphetamine.” Put another way, this means that “4.7% of Americans” are “driving under the influence of weed and 0.9% driving under the influence of the other drugs.” [HealthDay](#) [ ] (12/19, Reinberg) also covers the story.

### **US Charges 15 In Indiana Drug-Trafficking Rings**

The [Indianapolis Star](#) [ ] (12/19, DePompei) reports, “Two Indianapolis men were among 15 people indicted by a federal grand jury following an investigation into two alleged drug rings distributing methamphetamine in the Wabash Valley area.” Tirone Stefanatos, 40, and Brad W. Jones, 35, “face federal drug trafficking charges and, if convicted, could each face up to 10 years in prison.” According to the Star, “During the investigation, agents seized approximately 23 pounds of methamphetamine and several firearms, according to a news release from United States Attorney Josh Minkler. At least one defendant is accused of shipping methamphetamine to be shipped from California to Indiana for redistribution.” The investigation “was led by the Drug Enforcement Administration; the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives; the Federal Bureau of Investigation; and the U.S. Postal Inspection Service.”

### **Canadian Women Charged With Fentanyl Trafficking In New York State**

The [Forest Hills \(NY\) Patch](#) [ ] (12/19) reports Aurora Betancourt “was arraigned Thursday in Brooklyn federal court on charges of distributing fentanyl, about a year after she was arrested in Colombia.” A DEA raid secured her shipment of fentanyl which would have resulted in a \$800,000 sale, in August 2017, but she fled to Colombia before she could be arrested. Colombian authorities arrested her last December, and she was “extradited to the United States this month.”

### **Pennsylvania Indicts Five Mexican Nationals For Trafficking Cocaine**

The [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#) [ ] (12/19, Ove) reports that, according to a grand jury indictment released Tuesday, five Mexican nationals “are under indictment in federal court in Pittsburgh on charges of trafficking in \$1.4 million worth of cocaine following an investigation by state police and the FBI.” All five individuals are in US custody, and they “were caught after a police interdiction team received a tip from a source about a GMC Acadia and a Honda Accord in the Pittsburgh area being used in the deal.”

## **TECHNOLOGY**

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## Mobile, Alabama Police Making Progress On Cyber Crime Investigations

The [Mobile \(AL\) Press-Register](#) (12/19, Edwards) reports, “In the past several months, there have been several investigations conducted by the Mobile police department that have been guided by the use of new-age technology in-depth practices of using the internet and social media to solve crimes.” Kevin Levy “is the Commander over the C Police Department’s Cyber-Division. Levy’s role requires him to manage the operations for the police department in Led Policing Initiatives, Cyber-Crimes Investigations and Digital Media & Computer Forensics Programs among other spoke with AL.com about what is being done to investigate cyber crimes and what can be done by citizens to prevent a victim of one. ‘I think law enforcement currently is doing a really good job with their officers on how to investigate types of cyber-related crimes,’ said Kevin Levy. ‘People feel like they want to give up all of their personal information as an unsuspecting victim and they just need to understand that the criminal a lot of the times is looking for that little piece of information and is looking to exploit them.’”

## GLOBAL SECURITY

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### Pentagon Screening Of Saudi Military Trainees After Shooting Finds No Imminent Threat

[USA Today](#) (12/19, Brook) reports the Pentagon has “found nothing indicating a current threat among Saudi military trainees after scouring government and commercial databases in a search for red flags about religious extremism, on Thursday.” The “expedited screening of more than 850 Saudi students at US bases was intended to thwart attacks” a month’s deadly shooting by a Saudi officer at a Navy base in Florida. A spokesman said the Pentagon is still “working on more stringent background checks for all foreign military students training in the United States.”

## THURSDAY'S LEAD STORIES

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- [DOJ Launches Effort To Crack Down On Violent Crime In Seven Cities](#)
- [New York Sting Operation Nets Seven Arrests](#)
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## POLICING & POLICY

### Federal Spending Bill Includes Funding For Gun Violence Research

[USA Today](#)   (12/17, Hauck) reports the House has passed a “bipartisan spending bill that, for the first time in years,” appropriates “a specific amount of public funding explicitly for research into gun violence, which kills nearly 40,000 Americans each year. The bill includes \$25 million in funding for research, split evenly between the National Institute of Health and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.”

### Federal Authorities To Announce Initiative To Reduce Violent Crime In Detroit

[WDIV-TV](#)   Detroit (12/17) reports from Detroit that Attorney General Barr “will be in Detroit on Wednesday to announce a new initiative to reduce violent crime.” Barr “will be joined by” Director Wray, acting ATF Director Regina Lombardo, USMS Director Donald W. Washington, and Eastern Michigan US Attorney Matthew Scully.

### Ohio Unveils New School Safety Center Aimed At Preventing Violence

The [AP](#)   (12/17) reports that Ohio “unveiled its new Ohio School Safety Center on Tuesday as a panel that will advise the state’s office begins its work.” According to the AP, “The new office under Ohio Homeland Security is intended to help educate police prevent and address violence involving schools and students. It began its work months ago with a staff that includes intelligence analysts scanning social media and websites for threats.” Ohio Gov. Mike DeWine “has said the center will review school safety plans, help train school threat-assessment teams and share best practices.”

### Some Cities, States Balk At Use Of Facial Recognition Technology By Law Enforcement

The [AP](#)   (12/17, O'Brien) reports from Springfield, Massachusetts, “Police departments around the U.S. are asking citizens to trust them to use facial recognition software as another handy tool in their crime-fighting toolbox,” but “some law enforcement agencies and even some technology giants – are hitting the brakes.” The AP adds, “Are fears of an all-seeing, artificially intelligent surveillance apparatus overblown? Not if you look at China, where advancements in computer vision applied to vast networks of cameras have enabled authorities to track members of ethnic minority groups for signs of subversive behavior.” According to the AP, “American police officials and their video surveillance industry partners contend that won’t happen here. They are pushing back against a movement by cities, states and federal legislators to ban or curtail the technology’s use. And the effort has been confined to typical bastions of liberal activism that enacted bans this year: San Francisco, Oakland, Berkeley and the suburbs of Somerville and Brookline.”

## 2020 IACP Leadership Training in Orlando, Florida

IACP is offering two leadership training opportunities in greater Orlando, Florida next spring. The first is a [Women's Leadership Institute \(WLI\)](#) taking place February 10-14, 2020. [View the flyer](#) and [register online](#). The second is a three-week [Leadership in Police Organizations \(LPO\)](#) course, taking place February 24-28, March 7-11, and April 20-24, 2020. [View the flyer](#) and [register online](#).

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## CRIME & DRUGS

### Authorities Say Texas Man Tried To Sell Mercury Before Spills

The [AP](#)   (12/17, Lozano) reports from Houston, Texas, "A 19-year-old man accused of spilling mercury at several locations stole the liquid metal from an abandoned business, tried to sell it in small amounts to people for \$20 and as he played with it in his hands, according to court records." Christopher Lee Melder "remained jailed Tuesday on bond totaling \$5,000. He is charged with burglary of a building and the illegal disposal of hazardous waste. The mercury spill affected about 60 people needing to be decontaminated as a precaution because there had been trace amounts of mercury in the air." The AP adds, "Christina Garza, a spokeswoman for the FBI's Houston office, said it appears the mercury spill was intentional. 'Preliminarily, there was no nefarious intent behind it,' Garza said."

### Local Massachusetts Police Chiefs Issue Fentanyl Warning After Spike In Opioid Overdoses

The [Boston Herald](#)   (12/17, Kashinsky) reports police chiefs in Plymouth County, Massachusetts "are sounding the alarm after a spike in opioid overdoses this month." County "law enforcement officials say there have been 52 overdoses in Plymouth County since the beginning of the month, seven of which are believed to have been fatal." In response, police chiefs from 27 South Shore communities issued an advisory Tuesday for the public to "be aware of the increased risk of an overdose." They warned, "Anyone using a substance purchased off the street is at risk of an overdose. ... Fentanyl is often mixed with other non-opioid substances such as cocaine, street pills marked as Xanax and marijuana."

### Four Indicted For Stealing From Toys For Tots In Tucson

[KPNX-TV](#)   Phoenix (12/17) reports four people were indicted on "several different charges after they allegedly stole property from the Toys for Tots Foundation in Tucson, according to the Arizona Attorney General's Office." KPNX writes that according to the AG's Office, "Lloyd Jorgenson allegedly stole at least 42 military-style footlockers filled with toy cars of the more than 100,000 donated by the estate of James Robert Evans." The collection donated by Evans' "estate had to be stored in multiple units across Cochise County because it was so large, according to a release from the AG's Office." Jorgenson is accused of stealing "the lockers filled with thousands of toy cars from a storage unit in Hereford around May 2017." Between November 2017 and January 2019, "the AG's Office says Jorgenson worked with Gustavo Chavez, Melinda Stewart and Paul Joseph Lamb to transport and sell the stolen property." The FBI has recovered "42 footlockers and their contents, but additional stolen footlockers may not have been recovered."

[KTVK-TV](#)   Phoenix (12/17) reports three people "from the Sierra Vista area face charges" in the case. Attor

Mark Brnovich “says Gustavo Chavez, Lloyd Jorgenson and Melinda Stewart were indicted this past summer on mult for allegedly stealing thousands of dollars worth of donated toys.” A fourth suspect, Paul Lambert, “was also indicted charges were dismissed after he died earlier this year.” [KVOA-TV](#)   Tucson, AZ (12/17, Leon) and [KGUN-TV](#)   (12/17, Villarreal) also report.

### **Number Of Meth-Related Deaths Rising**

The [New York Times](#)   (12/17, A1, Goodnough) reports “deaths associated with meth use are climbing” in many alarming trend for a nation battered by the opioid epidemic, and one that public health officials are struggling to full The problem “has sneaked up on state and national leaders.” In Oklahoma, the focus of the Times report, “meth and drugs, including prescription stimulants, now play a role in more deaths than all opioids combined, including painkill and fentanyl,” according to the CDC.

### **Legislative Focus On Online Sex Trafficking Has Pushed Some Violators Underground**

The [New York Times](#)   (12/17, McCabe, Conger) reports on its front page that federal lawmakers have been “chi at a “decades-old law that shields tech companies like Facebook and YouTube from liability for content posted by the order to combat sex trafficking. However, “some experts and politicians say the results are not all positive.” The cha “pushed [violators] further underground. Advocates say that sex workers now face higher safety risks. The removal c advertising sex hinders their ability to vet their clients, the advocates say, and is pushing more of them onto the stre

### **Authorities Bust New York Heroin Ring**

The [New York Post](#)   (12/17, Denney) reports, “More than a dozen people have been charged for their alleged i in a Long Island heroin syndicate that raked in \$30,000 in weekly profits – including a pair of sneakerhead kingpins v sometimes took pairs of Jordans as payment, authorities said Tuesday.” According to the Post, “The Nassau County I Attorney’s office said it has indicted 15 people for their involvement in the ring, which sold between 13,000 and 26,1 heroin per month and has been tied to 15 overdoses – three of which were fatal.” The Post adds, “The alleged ringle Brooklynites Luis Rivera and Orlando Rodriguez, allegedly ran the syndicate for six years, prosecutors say,” and “auth conducted raids at their shared apartment in East New York on Dec. 13, where they found 175 pairs of Jordans, \$38: and a large stash of heroin valued at \$325,000.”

## **OFFICER SAFETY & WELLNESS**

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### **US Attorney General To Meet With NYPD Over Officer Suicides**

The [New York Post](#)   (12/17, Moore) reports that US Attorney General William Barr “will meet with NYPD Comm Dermot Shea and other police brass Tuesday to discuss cop mental-health issues, including officer suicides, a high-r enforcement source told The Post.” The NYPD “suffered its 10th officer suicide of the year in October, already doubl previous annual number, officials have said.” Barr, who will be “in town for the funeral of a Jersey City detective kille domestic-terror incident last week,” is “set to meet with Shea, NYPD First Deputy Benjamin Tucker and other city po the source said.” The officials “also will likely discuss the death of Jersey City Detective Joseph Seals, the source add they will touch on Jersey City because it’s an FBI-led investigation’ and under Barr’s purview, the source said.”

## **GLOBAL SECURITY**

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### **Germany Adds Officers, Agents To Fight Far-Right Extremism**

The [AP](#)   (12/17) reports, “Germany is adding hundreds of new federal police officers and domestic intelligence steps up its fight against far-right extremism in the wake of several high-profile incidents in the past year, officials sa German Interior Minister Horst Seehofer “said the Federal Criminal Police Office and the BfV intelligence agency wo

300 positions dedicated to investigating and preventing far-right crimes, without weakening efforts focused on far-left and Islamic extremism. ‘This is a very big challenge for the internal security of Germany,’ he told reporters.” Seehofe overall security situation in Germany is good, but said there have also been ‘terrible isolated incidents’ that have shaken people’s confidence.”

## DC Metro Collaborates With TSA To Test Anti-explosive Detection System

The [Washington Post](#) (12/17, George) reports the Washington, DC Metro system is collaborating with DHS in testing explosive detection equipment. The system tested by Metro “was created by Thruvision People Screening, a London publicly traded company that said it has sold more than 250 screening devices across the world including to the TSA and the Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation System.” The \$90,000 systems have also “been tested by New Jersey Transit and the New York Metropolitan Transportation Authority.” In the days before Thanksgiving, the TSA “said Amtrak used it to screen passengers at Washington’s Union Station.” ‘Passive’ detection systems that “scan crowds have been around for many years, according to Capt. Jim Baumberger, branch chief of Public Area Security Infrastructure Protection for the Department of Homeland Security.” But transit systems “are turning more and more to these type of systems as terrorist attacks of public spaces become more common.”

## Suspected Washington State Leader Of Neo-Nazi Group Charged With Violating Gun Ban Under Red-Flag Law

The [Seattle Times](#) (12/17, Fields) reports, “King County prosecutors have charged the suspected leader of Washington chapter of the violent neo-Nazi group Atomwaffen Division with unlawful possession of a firearm, in violation of a court order issued under the state’s red-flag law.” Kaleb James Cole, 24, “was charged with the gross misdemeanor Monday. A warrant was issued for his arrest in Washington, with bail set at \$20,000, according to court documents from the King County Prosecutor’s Office. Court documents list his last known address as a residence in Arlington, Snohomish County, but do not say if they know where he is now: The warrant is nonextraditable, so he can only be arrested in Washington in connection with the charge.” A judge “granted Seattle Police Department’s petition for an ‘extreme risk’ protection order against Cole in October, under which his firearms were confiscated and he was banned from possessing guns for a year.” Seattle officials “argued that Cole has recently shown ‘a pattern of acts or threats of violence’ that necessitated removing his weapons.”

## TUESDAY'S LEAD STORIES

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- [Pennsylvania AG Tells State Police To Treat “Ghost Gun” Parts As Firearms](#)
- [FBI: One In Custody For Questioning In Texas Mercury Spill](#)
- [Genetic Records Lead To Suspect In 40-Year-Old Colorado Cold Case](#)
- [Authorities Say Illinois Teen Bomb Suspect Researched Columbine Shooting](#)

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Axon's biggest news from 2019

**Axon**

We at Axon like to move fast, but December is always a good time to pause and reflect on the biggest milestones from the year. Here's a look at what kept us busy, motivated, inspired, humbled and enlightened in 2019.

### **New Frontiers of Safety and Efficiency**

We've defined categories before, with CEWs, body cameras and cloud-based evidence management. We're doing it again with this year's launch of two flagship products: [Axon Body 3](#), the first LTE-connected camera with real-time situational awareness for public safety, and [Axon Records](#), described by our partners in Fresno "an RMS system for the future." What impact will they have on agencies and communities? We can't wait to work with you to find out.

### **33,000 Words About Ethics**

Almost two years ago we formed an independent AI and Policing Technology Ethics Board to help guide our work in artificial intelligence. Following their recommendations this year on [facial recognition technology](#), we announced we would not pursue it. Their second report on [automated license plate recognition \(ALPR\) technology](#) will inform the development of our next-generation in-car product, Axon Fleet 3. We are grateful for the Board's every word and its impact on agencies, officers and the communities they serve.

### **Empathy Inspired by Tech**

How can you tell if someone is in the midst of a crisis? And if you recognize the signs, what can you do to produce a positive outcome? In the last year, we've made virtual reality (VR)-based training available that gives trainees a first-person point-of-view of both a subject in crisis and a responding officer in various scenarios. So far we've released modules for schizophrenia, autism spectrum disorder, and suicidal ideation, with plans for more. [ABC News](#) spotlighted this issue earlier this year, which is all in support of our mission to protect life.

### **The Ride That is Axon**

For the last nine years, law enforcement has been asked to wear cameras while they work. We thought it would be fun to turn the cameras onto the Axon team while we work for a change. So for a month earlier this year, we filmed around our offices to give customers a glimpse of a typical workday at Axon, a peek inside our headquarters, and some insight into the experience of working for an innovator like Rick Smith. Check out all the Axon antics in this web mini-series, [The Ride](#).

Thank you for being a partner in making 2019 another great year. We have a lot more work to do, and a lot of exciting stuff in store for 2020. Let us know if you're interested in staying in the loop with more regular updates like this one!

**KEEP ME IN THE LOOP**

Stay safe,

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## POLICING & POLICY

### Report Recommends New Approach To Stop High-Risk Drunk Drivers

[HealthDay](#) (12/12, Preidt) reports, "An individualized approach is needed to treat people at high risk of impair driving, a new report says." According to HealthDay, "Drunk driving accounted for 29% of U.S. motor vehicle deaths lowest percentage since 1982. But there was still an average of one alcohol-impaired driving death every 50 minutes: deaths a day, according to the Governors Highway Safety Association (GHSA) report." The GHSA "calls for a different from the past system to catch and punish drunk drivers. Instead, the agency wants to focus on addressing the offense underlying problem to curtail repeat offenses." HealthDay adds, "A high-risk impaired driver is one who lacks the res self-control to resist driving drunk. These drivers account for a disproportionately high number of road deaths. 'The criminal justice approach holds these offenders accountable for each impaired driving incident, but to ensure that th risk impaired drivers don't re-offend, we need to expand our approach beyond detection, arrest and conviction,' said Chairman Darrin Grondel, who is also director of the Washington Traffic Safety Commission."

### Washington State Officials Seek Ban On Sale Of Assault Weapons

The [AP](#) (12/12) reports that Washington Gov. Jay Inslee and Attorney General Bob Ferguson "say they want to shootings less likely in the state by banning the sale of high-capacity gun magazines and assault weapons." Inslee an "on Thursday announced plans for legislation that would limit magazine capacities to 10 rounds and that would ban assault weapons, defined as semi-automatic weapons that have at least one military-style feature." The AP adds, "B measures contain exceptions for law enforcement, military personnel and recreational shooting ranges, and they wa people to keep high-capacity magazines and assault weapons they already own."

### Brookline, Massachusetts Becomes Second Community In State To Ban Facial Recognition

[Boston](#) (12/12, Klipa) reports, "Civil liberties advocates are applauding the town of Brookline for becoming the municipality in Massachusetts to ban its government from using facial recognition technology." The measure "was a an overwhelming 179-to-8 margin during Brookline's Town Meeting Wednesday night," and it "follows a similar mov June in Somerville, which was the first East Coast community to ban local facial recognition programs. The tech hub Francisco became the first major American city to do so in May. Cambridge and Springfield are also considering ban:

### FCC Approves Proposal To Make 988 National Suicide Prevention Hotline Number

The [Wall Street Journal](#) (12/12, Tracy, Subscription Publication) reports that the Federal Communications Commission Thursday okayed a proposal to create a 988 hotline for suicide prevention and mental health crises. The three-digit number is designed to replace the existing number for the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline.

The [AP](#) (12/12, Anderson) reports the action “comes as suicide rates have increased across the U.S. over the past decades, and dramatically so – by more than 30% – in half of U.S. states, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.” The shorter number “would likely lead to more calls, which in turn would mean more expenses for crisis centers already struggling to keep up.” If the “number of calls to the hotline doubled, centers would need an extra \$50 million to handle the increase, the FCC said, citing the federal agency that funds the hotline, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.”

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Call for presentations for the largest training conference for drug recognition experts (DRES) is now open. The IACP Drug Alcohol & Impaired Driving (DAID) Conference is August 6-8 in San Antonio, Texas. This conference provides DRES and other traffic safety professionals with a platform to share best practice in reducing drug and alcohol related traffic incidents. Innovative, engaging and breakthrough research is encouraged.

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## CRIME & DRUGS

### Law Enforcement Authorities In San Francisco, California Bust Fencing Operation

The [AP](#) (12/12) reports, “San Francisco authorities recovered about \$2 million in suspected stolen electronics during a bust of what they called a sophisticated fencing operation, the district attorney’s office announced Thursday. According to the AP, “Interim District Attorney Suzy Loftus said in a statement that organized fencing operations are a major problem in San Francisco’s notoriously high property crime rate and that disrupting the market for stolen goods should reduce the incidence of theft. The operation was carried out by San Francisco Police, California Highway Patrol, the U.S. Postal Inspection Service and other agencies.” Authorities “collected electronics with serial numbers removed, as well as \$750,000 worth of tagged items. The items appear to have been stolen from retail stores and through auto burglaries and package theft.” Officials found “an electronic chop shop that was harvesting stolen phones and laptops for parts,” and “they also found a business that ‘consistently mailed an unusually high number of packages, often out-of-state,’ according to the statement.”

### UK Police Find Arsenal Of Weapons In Garden Shed

The [Daily Mail \(UK\)](#) (12/12, Ardehali) reports, “A police raid on the home of a 56-year-old man found a terrifying arsenal of weapons including dozens of knives, firearms, crossbows and knuckledusters inside his shed.” According to the Daily Mail, the raid on the house in Sutton Leach, St Helens, on Tuesday revealed the huge arsenal of deadly weapons, including more than 100 large knives and machetes belonging to a man who was arrested for a range of firearm offences.” The Daily Mail added that the weapons were 57 firearms, 40 large knives and machetes, 38 air pistols, 20 folding knives, ten swords, three crossbows, two wooden-handled flick knives, two knuckledusters,” as well as a “zombie knife.” Merseyside Police “have confirmed that a number of the weapons were legally held but that a 56-year-old man was arrested for a range of firearm offences.”

## Pastor Says Donated Toys Tainted By Meth Lab In Church Playroom

The [AP](#) (12/12) reports from Buxton, Maine, “Christmas toys donated to a Maine church where a meth lab was in the playroom have been contaminated and cannot be given out to children in need, the church’s pastor said.” According to the AP, “Buxton community members donated two large boxes of toys, but for safety sake, the Buxton United Methodist Church will not be donating those items, Pastor Lynn Briggs said.” Police arrested Matthew Anderson, 33, on Monday “after a complaint from a church member and discovering items in the playroom consistent with the manufacturing of methamphetamine.” Briggs “has planned to replace the items and said any gifts residents would like to donate would be accepted.”

## Alleged New York City Drug Dealer Throws Fentanyl Powder At Officer’s Face

The [New York Post](#) (12/12, Rosenberg) reports, “An alleged narcotics dealer tossed a handful of deadly fentanyl powder at a cop investigating a Bronx drug packaging mill, authorities said Thursday.” According to the Post, “Members of the 100th Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force burst into 304 Willis Ave. with a search warrant on November 7,” and “found seven alleged dealers in the apartment surrounded by a large quantity of heroin and fentanyl packaged into 200 single-dose glassine envelopes stamped with the ‘HBO’ logo.” The Post adds, “As the authorities tried to secure the area, Christian Rojas grabbed a handful of loose powder and flung it in a cop’s face. ‘The officer exhibited fentanyl-related symptoms including nausea and shortness of breath and was treated by emergency responders,’ the city’s Office of the Special Prosecutor said in a statement.” Another officer “was sickened by the airborne powder and briefly lost consciousness,” and “two additional cops became ill from inhaling the dangerous substance.”

## TECHNOLOGY

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### Prisoner Charged With Decades-Old Rape, Murder After DNA Match

The [AP](#) (12/12) reports Steven Fike, who is serving life in prison for killing a woman in Alabama, has been indicted for a connection with the rape and killing of a [Wendy Dansereau] in a Boston hotel room nearly 40 years ago.” The Suffolk County Attorney said that a DNA sample collected during the investigation “was recently entered into an FBI database and matched Fike’s genetic profile.”

## GLOBAL SECURITY

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### New Jersey Market Attack Now Considered Domestic Terrorism

The [AP](#) (12/12) reports New Jersey Attorney General Gurbir Grewal said Thursday that “the two killers who shot a kosher market in Jersey City were driven by hatred of Jews and law enforcement...adding that the case is being investigated as domestic terrorism.” The [New York Times](#) (12/12, Gold) reports that “after initially calling the attack on the JC Supermarket in Jersey City on Tuesday a random act, investigators said that the store had been deliberately targeted and explicitly say it was motivated by anti-Semitism.” Grewal confirmed that investigators believed David N. Anderson, an accomplice, Francine Graham, both of whom were killed in a firefight with police, held views that “reflected hatred of Jewish people, as well as a hatred of law enforcement.”

[Reuters](#) (12/12, Caspani) reports the FBI “will now oversee the investigation,” according to New Jersey US Attorney Craig Carpenito, and the [Washington Post](#) (12/12, Jacobs, Armstrong, Paul, Witte) reports that “although they are exploring why the men targeted a particular store or individuals,” investigators said Thursday that “the evidence thus far, including the men’s social media accounts, point toward acts of hate.”

[NJ News](#) (12/12, Sheldon) reports the FBI “said it worked with its Newark Field Office to create a ‘deposit box’ webpage’ for people to submit photos and videos that could contain information relevant to the shootings.” Special Agent in Charge Gregory W. Ehrie said in a release, “We ask your assistance, now, in our effort to determine as much as we can about what happened on December 10th in Jersey City so that calm can be restored to those traumatized by the events.”

## UK Man Arrested For Planning Raid Inspired By Christchurch Attacker

The [Daily Mail \(UK\)](#) (12/12, Camber) reports, "Police smashed an alleged Christchurch-inspired Right-wing terror plot on the eve of the General Election, it emerged last night." The Daily Mail adds, "Officers from Scotland Yard's counter-terror command swooped in a dawn raid on an address in Luton on Wednesday and arrested a Polish man suspected of plotting an atrocity." The suspect "is said to have been inspired by the gun rampage on two mosques in Christchurch, New Zealand on March 15." According to the Daily Mail, "Yesterday sources said the attack on March 15 had influenced an alleged extreme right-wing plot in the UK, which was said to be in its infancy when it was foiled by police on Wednesday."

## ALSO IN THE NEWS

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### Portland, Oregon Police Assist Man Threatening To Jump From Bridge

The [Oregonian](#) (12/12, Ryan) reports, "Police officers successfully aided a man who was threatening to jump from the Vista Bridge on Wednesday in Southwest Portland." According to the Oregonian, "The man texted someone indicating he was ready to jump from an unknown bridge, prompting a police response. He at one point sent an image of his feet dangling from the bridge." Police "found him outside the fenced barrier on the Vista Bridge, and two Enhanced Crisis Intervention Team officers negotiated with him," and "officers convinced him after almost an hour of conversation to climb back over the fence. He was taken to a hospital for evaluation."

## THURSDAY'S LEAD STORIES

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## POLICING & POLICY

### New York City Debates Use Of Algorithms In Policing

[CQ Roll Call](#) (12/3, Dechiaro) reports from New York City, “The extent to which artificial intelligence and autonomous decision-making should play a role in policing is at the center of a debate over civil liberties in the nation’s largest city.” Call adds, “Technologies powered by artificial intelligence, such as facial recognition and predictive policing tools, have been shown to have racial and ethnic biases, raising questions about whether their use by police could exacerbate inequalities already baked into the criminal justice system.” The debate in New York City “reflects similar conversations across other cities and other municipalities seek to make use of new technologies to safeguard residents without infringing on the rights of harming members of marginalized communities.” CQ Roll Call adds, “Advocates who favor greater oversight of the New York City Police Department’s use of algorithms to aid in investigations are expressing concern after Mayor Bill de Blasio included an exemption for law enforcement in an executive order establishing a new position to monitor use of algorithms and artificial intelligence by city agencies.”

### Nevada DOT To Implement Pilot Program Aimed At Deterring Wrong-Way Drivers

The [Las Vegas Review-Journal](#) (12/3, Puit) reports that the “Nevada Department of Transportation is implementing a pilot program to deter wrong-way drivers, whose crashes are far more likely to result in death or serious injury than other highway collisions.” According to the Review-Journal, “Transportation Department spokesman Tony Illia said a pilot program is being installed at the US Highway 95 off-ramp at Durango Drive in the northwest Las Vegas Valley.” The Review-Journal notes that the “system uses a camera and an electronic sensor, which alerts wrong-way drivers on the off-ramp by triggering red light-like beacons on wrong-way signs.” The Review-Journal notes that the NTSB released a report in 2012 on wrong-way crashes, calling them “one of the most serious types of highway accidents” because, even though they only account for three percent of crashes, they’re much more likely to result in death.

### Gun Background Checks At Record High

The [AP](#) (12/3, Pane) reports background checks on gun purchases “are climbing toward a record high this year.”

what the industry says is a rush by people to buy weapons in reaction to the Democratic presidential candidates' call for restrictions." By the end of November, "more than 25.4 million background checks – generally seen as a strong indicator of gun sales – had been conducted by the FBI, putting 2019 on pace to break the record of 27.5 million set in 2016."

[ABC News](#) (12/3, Thorbecke) reports, "A total of 202,465 firearm background checks were run through the Instant Criminal Background Check system on Black Friday, making it the second-highest single-day for these checks, to data from the FBI." ABC News adds, "The number of background checks this year increased 11% versus 2018 but Black Friday had a slightly higher total of 203,086." The FBI "emphasized that the data does not represent the number of firearm sales but rather the number of firearm background checks initiated, and a one-to-one correlation cannot be made between a background check and a firearm sale."

**FBI Fails To Complete Hundreds Of Thousands Of Gun Checks.** [CQ Roll Call](#) (12/3, Eaton) reports, "The FBI never completes hundreds of thousands of gun background checks each year because of a deadline that requires it to purge them from its computers, despite a report that raised alarms about the practice in 2015." According to CQ Roll Call, obtained by CQ Roll Call, which has not been previously published, shows how the FBI still struggles to complete background checks four years after a breakdown in the system contributed to a shooting in Charleston, South Carolina, that left nine churchgoers dead." CQ Roll Call adds, "A 2015 internal report on what went wrong in that case recommended ways to speed up the number of background checks that take longer than 88 days. After that point, the FBI must purge checks from its computers." In total, "the FBI did not complete over 1.1 million background checks from 2014 through July 2019."

### Super Bowl Security Personnel Simulate Emergency Response

[WPLG-TV](#) Miami (12/3, Anwer, Hett) reports from Miami-Dade County, Florida, "With the Super Bowl set to kick off in a few months, security personnel and administrators are using valuable time to simulate inter-agency emergency response drills." WPLG-TV adds, "After nearly a year-and-a-half of planning and preparation with more than 40 agencies at the local, state and federal level and multiple command centers, plus 4,000 private security guards at and around the venue for game day and related activities, Monday's simulation exercises focused on making sure communication is flawless. 'What we do in these exercises is we make sure that information flows quickly, efficiently and everybody's plugged in,' NFL Chief Security Officer Kathy Taylor says. 'Everything from weather to an act of terrorism to crime. We (have to) prepare for everything.'" Monday's exercise involved security personnel to walk through real-time communication and emergency response procedures between the different agencies.

### Roswell, Georgia Police Want City Council To Give Them Power To Regulate Drones

The [Atlanta Journal-Constitution](#) (12/3, Brasch) reports Roswell, Georgia is "charting a flight plan toward more strict regulations about personal and commercial drones." Police leadership want "members of the Roswell City Council to give local police the power to regulate unmanned aircraft similar to regulations federal authorities currently enforce near airports and elsewhere." The council members are "considering a new law that would give Roswell police more power to punish people who interfere with a drone launch or land drones from city property, including parks, without permission." The "powers that police are asking for are similar to Federal Aviation Administration's drone restrictions, which is good, said state Rep. Kevin Tanner, because regulating at the city level can get tricky in a hurry."

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The IACP is excited to announce the launch of an online *Library of Human Trafficking Training, Tools, and Resources*, a searchable database targeted to law enforcement, prosecutors, and judges combatting human trafficking. The directory contains over 500 training opportunities, webinars, publications, and tools, which are no or low cost and available to law enforcement and their multidisciplinary partners. Search the Library for tools to support your anti-human trafficking efforts. [Access the brand-new online Library!](#)

## CRIME & DRUGS

### FBI Launches Nationwide MS-13 Tip Line

The [Washington Post](#)   (12/3, Bui) reports, "Federal authorities have launched a tip line aimed at collecting info about MS-13 to help law enforcement go after the violent transnational gang. 'We are determined to bring an end to the violence of MS-13, but we cannot do it alone,' said Robert K. Hur, U.S. attorney for the District of Maryland." Hur said the gang extorts money from people in immigrant communities and engages in 'extreme violence' to maintain control. The tip line "is confidential and will connect callers nationwide to the FBI in Washington, where someone on the other end will handle the information 'very carefully' to help build cases against the gang and its members, Hur said."

The [Annapolis \(MD\) Capital Gazette](#)   (12/3, Price) reports, "Victims of violence inflicted by MS-13 gang are encouraged to report their experience by calling a new FBI tipline that promises to protect callers' identities, Maryland's U.S. Attorney General Robert K. Hur announced Tuesday in Greenbelt." Maryland "is the first state to announce the nationwide initiative, which urges individuals with information on the notoriously violent Salvadoran gang known as Mara Salvatrucha, or MS-13, to report information to the FBI through a secure, 24/7 tipline. Anne Arundel and Annapolis law enforcement have worked with federal officials on a sprawling racketeering case against more than two dozen suspected MS-13 members in the area. The tipline "is to streamline information and create a well-known, public channel between the agency and community. The toll-free number is 1-866-STP-MS13 (1-866-787-6713)." MS-13 members "recruit and target Hispanic teens, sometimes as young as 12 years old, said Special Agent Jennifer Boone, from the Baltimore FBI field office."

### Chicago Police Say Facebook To Blame For Illegal Gun, Drug Sales

The [AP](#)   (12/3, Foody) reports from Chicago, "Private Facebook groups have 'emboldened' sellers of illegal drugs to connect with potential buyers over the social media site, Chicago police said Tuesday, as leaders announced that an undercover investigation led to more than 50 arrests." According to the AP, "Police leaders, including Chicago's new police superintendent, also accused Facebook of failing to help prevent illegal sales of guns. The social media company bans the sales, trades and exchanges of firearms in 2016, but investigators said they found dealers using private groups and quickly sell firearms and drugs at prices higher than street values." The AP adds, "First Deputy Superintendent Anthony Bracco said Facebook agreed to shut down groups identified during the Chicago investigation but that it also should kick those groups off the site. 'Facebook often cites privacy concerns when they are confronted with the facts of our investigation,' Bracco said. 'The truth is, Facebook is harboring criminals. These criminals know how to use the privacy Facebook offers and they profit from the sales of illegal drugs and dangerous guns.'"

### FBI Pittsburgh Warns Of Holiday Scams

The [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)   (12/3, Lindstrom) reports, "Don't be fooled this holiday season by scammers posing as charities or fly-by-night websites offering surprisingly steep discounts on popular gifts, FBI officials in Pittsburgh warn. 'If it seems too good to be true, it probably is,' FBI Pittsburgh Assistant Special Agent in Charge Chad Yarbrough said from his office on East Carson Street in the city's South Side." According to the Tribune-Review, "Between January and November of last year, about 500 people from around Western Pennsylvania reported being targeted in online scams that cheated them out of a combined \$1 million, FBI data show. The frequency of scams reported tends to spike in the months leading up to Christmas, Yarbrough said. 'So often around this time of year, we see victims that fall prey to the scammers because of the hustle and bustle and quick transactions that everyone is trying to get completed,' he said."



## Law Enforcement, Thieves Find It Difficult To Tell Hemp From Marijuana

The [New York Times](#) (12/3, Nir) reports from Salem, New York, “In the nearly two years since New York State authorized farmers to grow hemp, farmers...have had to go to unusual lengths to protect their crops because so many thieves from law enforcement officials – mistake hemp for marijuana.” According to the Times, “The two cannabinoids and smell alike, but hemp has a far lower concentration of THC, or tetrahydrocannabinol, the psychoactive component of marijuana.” The Times adds, “Police officers around the nation have announced large-scale marijuana busts, only to later find that the ‘drug’ haul was actually hemp. Even drug-sniffing dogs, said Erica Stark, the executive director of the National Hemp Association, react to hemp just as they do to marijuana. ‘It’s a mess,’ she said.” Hemp farmers “have spent thousands of dollars on harvests hiding surveillance cameras among the stalks, sleeping in the fields with shotguns, or waking up to empty fields and their hemp plants once grown.”

## GLOBAL SECURITY

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### Former UK Terrorism Chief Warns Funding Cuts Increase Risk

[The Guardian \(UK\)](#) (12/3, Dodd) reports, “A former head of counter-terrorism has said cuts to police numbers, length of sentences, have played the greater role in jeopardising public safety.” Robert Quick, “who led Scotland Yard’s counter-terrorism command from 2008-9, rejected claims made by Boris Johnson after last Friday’s attack at London Bridge in which a terrorist killed two people before being shot dead by police.” Prime Minister Johnson “had sought to blame the Labour government, which left power in 2010, for Usman Khan being free.” Khan “was jailed over a terrorist plot in 2012 and released in December last year, halfway through his sentence, under tough conditions but without checks as to his suitability,” said on Tuesday that the fight against terrorism had been damaged by large reductions made to police funding by the Conservative government since 2010. ‘In the 2000s the police worked hard to rebuild neighbourhood policing, with a visible presence, with staff who were visible and accessible,’ he said. ‘A lot of that has been cut back heavily. These are the foundations of the counter-terrorism efforts. It is the foundation stone of security and counter-terrorism and has been broken over the last 10 years.’”

## IACP IN THE NEWS

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### IACP Recognizes Saginaw Police Department For Victim Services

[MLive \(MI\)](#) (12/3, Waterman) reports that the Saginaw, Michigan Police Department “has received an international award lauding the agency’s services for crime victims.” The International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) “granted the department the Victim Services Award to the department during an Oct. 29 banquet at the Skyline Ballroom in Chicago. The award recognizes the midsize agency.”

## TUESDAY'S LEAD STORIES

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## POLICING & POLICY

### FCC Chair Calls On Congress To Reverse Planned Sale Of Wireless Spectrum Used By US Law Enforcement

[Reuters](#)   (12/2, Shepardson) reports, "The chair of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) on Monday several Democratic senators in urging the cancellation of an auction of wireless spectrum used by U.S. law enforcement agencies because of the costs and difficulty of moving them to alternatives." According to Reuters, "Congress in 201 the sale by 2021 of the T-Band wireless spectrum used by police and firefighters in major U.S. cities, as well as refine utilities, as part of a tax bill." FCC Chairman Ajit Pai "said Monday the agency 'has extensively analyzed the T-Band and concluded that moving forward is not viable – relocation costs for public safety licensees would likely far exceed any auction revenue, making it impossible to fund the relocation...'" In June, a Government Accountability Office (GAO) it would cost between \$5 billion and \$6 billion to move users to other bands of spectrum and warned alternative bandwidth spectrum for many public safety users are limited or nonexistent," and "public safety officials in Boston, Los Angeles, New York City told GAO they have not been able to identify alternative spectrum."

### Court Blocks Government From Restarting Federal Executions

The [AP](#)   (12/2) reports an appeals court yesterday upheld "a ruling that blocked the federal government's plan to resume federal executions next week after a 16-year hiatus." The order "was handed down Monday by the US Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit." The [Washington Post](#)   (12/2, Berman) says the US Justice Department "asked the Court to let it resume federal executions next week by 'setting aside' a district court's injunction blocking it from carrying out lethal injections as planned." This request "came hours after" the "appeals court blocked a similar application," marking the escalation of the administration's push to restart federal executions after a nearly two-decade hiatus."

### Media Analyses: Supreme Court Justices Debate Dismissing New York Gun Case

[Reuters](#)   (12/2, Chung, Hurley) reports “the US Supreme Court’s consideration of a major gun rights case could misfire, with the justices on Monday debating whether to dismiss a challenge” to “a New York City handgun ordinance.” [Call](#)   (12/2, Ruger) reports that “the case heard Monday centers on a strict New York City law about transporting firearms from the home to shooting ranges or second homes that are outside the city, a first test of how far the justices might expand gun rights outside the home.”

The [Washington Times](#)   (12/2, Swoyer, Sherfinski) reports “observers on both sides of the issue are watching for clues as to whether the high court could use the case to expand gun rights, as it is the first time since 2010 the court has really grapple with the reach of the Constitutional right to keep and bear arms.”

### **Portland, Oregon To Propose Strict Facial Recognition Ban**

[Fast Company](#)   (12/2, Captain) reports that “some cities are taking matters into their own hands” with the development of facial recognition privacy laws, “with facial recognition technology at the top of the list,” and “now, Portland, Oregon, has plans to ban facial recognition for both the government and private businesses in the city, a move that could make Portland’s ban the most restrictive in the United States.” The proposed ban “comes after cities including San Francisco, Oakland, and Berkeley in California, and Somerville in Massachusetts, have already banned the use of facial recognition by their city government agencies, including police departments,” but “Portland’s ban goes a step further by expanding to private businesses and taking it into law and takes effect in spring 2020, as planned.”

### **North Dakota Unleashes First Electronic Detection Dog**

The [Dickinson \(ND\) Press](#)   (11/28, Turley) reports, “Special Agent Hex was introduced at the Capitol on Monday as the state’s first electronic detection dog. Attorney General Wayne Stenehjem granted the two-year-old yellow Labrador Retriever after an impressive demonstration of his mighty nose. ‘With the power vested in me, I will declare you an official agent of the Bureau of Criminal Investigation,’ Stenehjem said. ‘He’s a good boy, isn’t he?’” Hex, “which is short for Hexadecimal, was introduced to the Bureau of Criminal Investigation on Monday after nearly six months of training,” and “his handler, a special agent Jesse Smith, said the BCI hopes to deploy Hex...about 50 times a year to detect hard drives, computer files, and cell phones during child pornography and drug busts.”

IACP From Header

Call for presentations for the largest training conference for drug recognition experts (DRES) is now open. The IACP Drug Alcohol & Impaired Driving (DAID) Conference is August 6-8 in San Antonio, Texas. This conference provides DRES and other traffic safety professionals with a platform to share best practice in reducing drug alcohol related traffic incidents. Innovative, engaging and break through research is encouraged.

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## **CRIME & DRUGS**

### **Police: New Orleans Shooting “Not A Domestic Terrorism Act”**

The [Washington Post](#)   (12/2, Beachum) reports, “Ten people were injured during a dispute that ended in a shooting in New Orleans on Monday night, police said. The incident was not classified as a domestic terrorism act.”

New Orleans' famed Canal Street on Sunday, police say." The AP adds, "The person or individuals responsible for un gunfire early Saturday are still unknown to police as city leaders work to identify who could've caused the mayhem t unfolded, leaving a 16-year-old and others between the ages of 21 and 36 wounded." New Orleans police Superinte Ferguson "said in a news conference Monday that whoever is responsible is not from the New Orleans Metropolitan is not a domestic terrorism act," he said, noting his department is working with agencies throughout the state to ide one suspect. "We received several tips to confirm this very intelligence that we've received just far."

[ABC News](#) (12/2, Jacobo) reports, "New Orleans police have released a person of interest they detained f shooting after the Bayou Classic game that injured 10 people." The shooting "occurred Sunday around 3:25 a.m., in block of Canal Street in New Orleans, according to the New Orleans Police Department. Investigators later determin individual detained after the shooting 'had no involvement,' New Orleans Police Chief Shaun Ferguson told reporter conference Monday." ABC News adds, "Police believe the shooting stemmed from a 'feud' between multiple individ not from the New Orleans metropolitan area, Ferguson said. The feud was not related to either school that particip game."

[CNN](#) (12/2) reports, "The FBI is coordinating with the New Orleans Police Department in their investigati shooting, an FBI spokesperson told CNN's Josh Campbell," and "Mayor LaToya Cantrell announced in a tweet Sunday up to \$5,000 for information in the case."

### **Wisconsin School Resource Officer Shoots Armed Student**

[GM Today \(WI\)](#) (12/2, Haynes) reports "a 17-year-old male suspect is in stable condition following an officer-ir shooting that took place at Waukesha South High School on Monday morning." Police officials said "a student report male had a gun, at which point South's School Resource Officer (SRO) responded to the classroom." The "suspect w remove his hands from his pocket and did not follow the SRO's orders, eventually removing the handgun from his w pointing it at the officer. The SRO fired his gun, hitting the suspect."

[Fox News](#) (12/2, Darrah) reports on its website that "no police officers or other students were injured in t while the [Milwaukee Journal Sentinel](#) (12/2, Kuhagen, Glauber) recounts the "terrifying morning for students parents, many of whom raced to the school after receiving an email announcing the lockdown." The Journal Sentine "teachers and staff also reacted quickly as students hunkered down."

The [New York Times](#) (12/2, Hauser) reports "some of the students, shaken and tearful, spoke to local new Most declined to give their full names. One student, speaking to Fox6 News, said she had been in the library when c in and said there was a gun on campus."

### **British Columbia Murder Suspect Arrested In California**

The [Globe and Mail \(CAN\)](#) (12/2) reports, "A man wanted in connection with a first-degree murder charge in E Columbia has been arrested in California." According to the Globe and Mail, "Police in the United States say 28-year- Teixeira is in prison pending extradition proceedings." The Globe and Mail adds, "Corporal Frank Jang of the Integrat Investigation Team in British Columbia says Mr. Teixeira is wanted in the murder of Nicholas Khabra in Surrey in Octc Jang "says police in B.C. believed Mr. Teixeira had gone to Alberta, where they appealed to the public for help." Jang arrest came through a collaborative effort between police agencies including the RCMP liaison officer in Los Angeles force led by the U.S. Marshals, along with the Butte County and Tehama SWAT teams and the Chico Police Departme

## **TECHNOLOGY**

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### **FBI Issues Security Warning For Smart TVs**

[CNN](#) (12/2, Campbell) reports, "In a pre-holiday message to consumers, an FBI field office is warning that 'smc televisions equipped with internet streaming and facial recognition capabilities – may be vulnerable to intrusion." A CNN, "In addition to outlining how new advanced technological features risk allowing television manufacturers and

developers to snoop on consumers, the bureau says malicious cyber actors can also take control of unsecured smart devices that potentially wreak havoc on unsuspecting owners.” CNN adds, “In order to guard against possible intrusion, the FBI recommends that smart TV owners educate themselves on their device’s security settings (available from a simple Google search) such as default network passwords set by manufacturers, and understand how to enable and disable microphones and cameras.”

[ABC News](#) (12/2, McCarthy) reports on its website, “The same internet connection that allows viewers to watch open popular services and stream their favorite shows or movies could also leave you open to security threats, according to the FBI.”

### **UK Official: Facebook “Doesn’t Care” About Helping Police Solve Child Abuse Cases**

The [Telegraph \(UK\)](#) (12/3, Wright) reports, “Facebook ‘doesn’t care’ about helping police solve child abuse, or at least most senior police officers has warned as he criticised the social media giant’s encryption plans.” Simon Bailey, “the former Police Chiefs’ Council lead for Child Protection, said the company’s plan to encrypt its one-billion-user Messenger service showed the company was ‘not listening’ to police concerns.” The Telegraph adds, “Speaking in a BBC Radio 4 documentary to air this evening, Mr Bailey also warned the public was not aware full ‘horror’ of the sheer scale of online abuse and that social media giants were paying ‘lip service to the threat’ to children.” According to the Telegraph, “Earlier this year, Mark Zuckerberg, Facebook’s 35-year-old CEO, announced the company plans to encrypt its Messenger messaging service, meaning no one will be able to see what was being sent over it.”

## **GLOBAL SECURITY**

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### **Irish Police Given More Time To Question ISIS Recruit**

[BBC World News \(UK\)](#) (12/2) reports, “Irish police are to question Irish Islamic State bride Lisa Smith for a further period after her arrest was extended on Monday morning.” According to BBC World News, “The former member of the Irish Republican Army is being questioned by gardaí at Kevin Street station in Dublin.” Smith, 38, “arrived in Dublin on Sunday morning with her two-year-old daughter, after being deported from Turkey,” and “she was arrested for suspected terrorist offences.” BBC News adds, “Detectives are interviewing her under caution about her activities, movements, communications and contacts online and in person in Africa, Europe, the Middle East and Ireland since she converted to Islam several years ago.”

### **Italy Expels Two Suspected Extremists From Bangladesh, Morocco**

The [AP](#) (12/2) reports, “Italy’s interior ministry says two suspected extremists from Bangladesh and Morocco, an imam who allegedly beat children studying the Quran, have been expelled from the country.” The AP adds, “The ministry on Monday identified the imam as a 19-year-old man from Bangladesh who was teaching religion at an Islamic cultural center in the northern city of Padua.” The ministry “said the man had a ‘radical vision of Islam.’” According to the AP, “The other suspected extremist was identified as a 24-year-old Moroccan living in Turin. Police alleged he had links to a fellow Moroccan who was convicted of association with the aim of terrorism.”

## **MONDAY'S LEAD STORIES**

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## POLICING & POLICY

### Law Enforcement Authorities Launch New Initiative To Combat Washington, DC-Area Gun Violence

The [Washington Post](#) (11/15, Hermann) reports, "Federal authorities in the District, Maryland and Virginia announced Friday plans to more tightly enforce gun laws and coordinate investigations among jurisdictions to better prosecute traffickers whose crimes often affect the region." The Post adds, "It is part of a new initiative called Project Guardian this week under Attorney General William P. Barr to combat gun crime that is plaguing big cities such as the District and Baltimore. Most of the guns used in crimes in the District come from Virginia, followed by Maryland. 'We want to stop the flow of guns across the Potomac,' said G. Zachary Terwilliger, the U.S. attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia." Terwilliger joined with top federal prosecutors for western Virginia, Maryland and the District, joined other local and federal law enforcement officials on the plaza at the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial, speaking against a backdrop of two 304-foot marble walls bearing the names of 21,910 police officers killed in the line of duty since 1786."

### Concord, New Hampshire Launches Trauma Team For Children Exposed To Violence

The [AP](#) (11/17) reports from Concord, New Hampshire, "Children who are exposed to violence in Concord have a new team working to help them." According to the AP, "Concord police and a group of human service organizations have formed an Adverse Childhood Experience Response Team. Modeled after a program in Manchester, the team visited three dozen children in its first two weeks, and helped about a third of them connect with outside resources." The AP adds, "Data released last week showed that nearly half of all New Hampshire adults say they experienced stressful or traumatic events in childhood. The more adverse experiences they had, the more they suffered from poor health as adults."

### DOJ Report on Fix NICS Act Shows Positive Impact

[Townhall](#) (11/17, Baumann) reports Attorney General Barr released the first semi-annual report on the Fix NICS Act Thursday. The new law requires federal agencies "to report criminal convictions to the Department of Justice (DOJ) :



convictions can be entered into the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS), which is used for fire transactions.” According to Barr, the Fix NICS Act “is already having a positive impact. Over six million convictions have been added to the three national databases used during a background check, which is a 6.2 percent increase.”

### **Portland, Maine Considers Ban On Face-Scanning Technology**

The [Portland \(ME\) Press Herald](#) (11/17) reports, “Portland City Councilors Pious Ali and Brian Batson want the city to formally ban the use of facial recognition technology and similar identification tools by city employees, including the police department. If successful, Portland would be the first community in the state – and one of a small but growing number around the country – to enact a ban on the technology.” The Press Herald adds, “Portland councilors are scheduled to discuss the issue Monday. The discussion comes as Maine’s largest city has embraced so-called smart-city technology, which includes traffic monitoring and has stoked fears about government’s increasing ability to watch over citizens. And Portland’s police officers are now equipped with cameras mounted on their chests to capture video of each person an officer interacts with. Another source of concern about privacy.”

### **Saskatchewan Considers Funding First Supervised Drug-Consumption Site**

The [Globe and Mail \(CAN\)](#) (11/17, Taylor) reports, “Saskatchewan’s health minister says the government will consider whether to help fund what would be the province’s first supervised drug-consumption site.” Health Minister Jim Reifel says money for the site will be part of 2020 budget deliberations, but he isn’t making any commitments at this point.” According to the Globe and Mail, “AIDS Saskatoon, which focuses on harm reduction and supports people who live with AIDS, HIV and hepatitis C, plans to open the site in the new year.” Health Canada “has already granted the agency an exemption that allows it to open a place where people can take illicit drugs by inhalation, injection, as well as nasally or orally.”

### **Colorado Attorney General To Announce Alliance To Address Hate Crimes**

The [AP](#) (11/17) reports that Colorado Attorney General Phil Weiser “plans to announce a new public-private partnership to address hate crimes in the state.” Weiser is “scheduled to hold a news conference Monday morning with officials from the Anti-Defamation League, the Matthew Shepard Foundation and the Interfaith Alliance of Colorado to release the details.” AP adds, “The announcement follows the recent arrests of one man who is accused of plotting with undercover FBI agents to bomb a synagogue in Pueblo and another who is accused of threatening people outside a Denver mosque with what was thought to be a BB gun.”

## **CRIME & DRUGS**

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### **London Police Providing Stab Kits To Pubs And Clubs In City’s Financial District**

The [Telegraph \(UK\)](#) (11/18, Wright) reports, “Pubs and clubs in London’s financial district are to be given more stab kits in the wake of rising knife crime, police have announced.” According to the Telegraph, “City of London Police is distributing 320 emergency ‘bleed control’ kits to venues around the Square Mile, which contain emergency trauma kits and specialized tourniquets.” The initiative “comes amid rising violent crime in the capital, with the Met Police launching more than 100 murder investigations in the year up to September.” The Telegraph adds, “Latest figures from the Office of National Statistics show that the City of London saw a steep rise in knife crime last year, up 43 percent to 57 incidents in 2018.” London Police “said it would be prioritising giving kits to venues with late licences serving beyond midnight.”

### **Perpetrator Of CA School Shooting Dies, Guns Confiscated From His Home**

The [Los Angeles Times](#) (11/15, Fry, Miller, Winton, Mejia) reports that the perpetrator of a shooting on Thursday at Saugus High School, on Friday died “of a self-inflicted gunshot wound as investigators seized unregistered firearms from his home and tried to determine the origin of the handgun used in the deadly attack.” According to the Times, authorities believe the perpetrator “carried out the violence” after he was “dropped off at school by his mother.” The 16-second-long a

resulted in the deaths of a 14-year-old boy, a 15-year-old girl, as well as three others getting wounded. He “appeared how many shots he had fired and left the final round for himself, ending the attack with a gunshot to his head, said Los Angeles County Sheriff Alex Villanueva.”

**Motive Behind Shooting Unknown.** The [New York Times](#) (11/15, Bogel-Burroughs) reports the perpetrator's death complicates “investigators’ efforts to understand why he” carried out the shooting. At a Friday news conference, Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department Capt. Kent Wegener said, “We did not find any manifesto, any diary that spelled a suicide note, or any writings which will clearly identify his motive behind this assault.” Wegener “said that the police conducted more than 40 interviews, but that ‘no motive or rationale’ had been uncovered.” The Times says that “even the police said they did not know what inspired the gunman, they said it was clear he had planned the attack.”

The [Wall Street Journal](#) (11/15, Calfas, Elinson, Subscription Publication) reports that law-enforcement officials at the local level indicated that they were collaborating with the Federal Bureau of Investigation while they looked for a possible motive.

### **Police Find It Difficult To Differentiate Between Hemp, Marijuana**

The [Bristol \(VA\) Herald Courier](#) (11/16, Sorrell) reports, “As hemp continues to gain popularity across the region, law enforcement officers are finding it difficult to differentiate this legal product from illegal marijuana, requiring them to send evidence to backed-up state laboratories. ‘There’s no way under a trained eye or even a trained microscope that you can tell the difference between hemp and high-grade marijuana, so I think that you can only imagine the investigative nightmare that that would present,’ said Tennessee Bureau of Investigation Special Agent in Charge Tommy Farmer.” The TBI in Knoxville, Nashville and Memphis “are on pace in 2019 to receive more than 10,000 submissions of green leafy substances more than methamphetamine, heroin or cocaine. Forensic scientists are now conducting considerably more tests than in the past, the TBI recently said.”

### **Opioid Crisis Overshadowing Increase In Fatal Cocaine-Related Overdoses In The US**

A Kaiser Health News article that appears on the [NBC News](#) (11/17) website says a nationwide opioid crisis has “overshadowed” an increase in the number of fatal cocaine-related overdoses in the US. The article highlights that a [report](#) “says record cocaine production in Colombia, the primary source for cocaine seized in the United States, widened the cocaine market and pushed down prices” for the drug.

## **OFFICER SAFETY & WELLNESS**

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### **Police Officers Exposed To Suspected Fentanyl In Huntington, West Virginia**

The [AP](#) (11/15) reports from Huntington, West Virginia, “Authorities in West Virginia say several police officers were exposed to a substance believed to be the powerful opioid fentanyl during a drug bust.” Huntington Police Chief Harlan in a news release that members of the Huntington Violent Crime and Drug Task Force entered a home on Wednesday to find a suspect trying to destroy drug evidence.” Dial “says several officers were exposed, and they were treated by paramedics at the scene. The statement didn’t specify how many officers were exposed.”

## **TECHNOLOGY**

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### **Interpol Reportedly Plans To Condemn Spread Of Encryption**

[Reuters](#) (11/17, Menn) reports, “The international police organization Interpol plans to condemn the spread of encryption in a statement Monday saying it protects child sex predators, three people briefed on the matter told Reuters. According to Reuters, “At the group’s conference in Lyon, France on Friday, an Interpol official said a version of the resolution introduced by the U.S. Federal Bureau of Investigation would be released without a formal vote by representatives from roughly 60 countries in attendance, the sources said.” Reuters adds, “Echoing a joint letter last month from the top U.S. law enforcement officials, Interpol said it will condemn the spread of encryption technology that makes it difficult to track cybercriminals.”

enforcement officials in the United States, United Kingdom and Australia, the larger group will cite difficulties in catching sexual predators as grounds for companies opening up user communications to authorities wielding court warrants. providers, application developers and device manufacturers are developing and deploying products and services with encryption which effectively conceals sexual exploitation of children occurring on their platforms,' a draft of the report by Reuters said."

## GLOBAL SECURITY

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### UK Charges Man Arrested At Heathrow Airport With Terrorism

[Reuters](#) (11/17) reports, "A man who was arrested at London's Heathrow Airport after he arrived on a flight from Syria has been charged with a terrorism offence, British police said on Sunday." Mamun Rashid, 26, "will appear in court on charges of preparation of terrorist acts, police said in a statement. He was arrested on Thursday on suspicion of being involved in terrorism related to the conflict in Syria."

## FRIDAY'S LEAD STORIES

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## POLICING & POLICY

### Federal Bill Would Restrict Police Use Of Facial Recognition Technology

[NBC News](#)   (11/14) reports Sens. Chris Coons (D-DE) and Mike Lee (R-UT) introduced the Facial Recognition Termination and Warrant Act Thursday to require federal agents to obtain “a judge’s approval before using facial recognition to conduct surveillance of a criminal suspect,” marking federal lawmakers’ “first attempt...to restrict law enforcement’s use of the technology.” According to NBC, the bill “would require federal law enforcement to explain to a judge why they want facial recognition to track someone in real time for longer than three days, and would limit that surveillance to 30 days. It would require the judge to report the request to U.S. court administrators for tracking. And it would require law enforcement to work with government researchers to make sure the facial recognition systems they’re using are accurate.”

[The Hill](#)   (11/14, Rodrigo) reports, “The bill comes as several cities and states are limiting law enforcement’s use of facial recognition technology, which scans faces for the purposes of identifying individuals. Unlike several of those laws, the senators’ bill includes a carveout for ‘exigent circumstances’ where a court order would not be needed to use the technology, which critics argue expands unwarranted surveillance and exacerbates racial discrimination because of a tendency to use inaccurate technology, especially for people of color.”

### Milwaukee To Augment Police Force During Next Year’s Democratic National Convention

The [Milwaukee Journal Sentinel](#)   (11/14, Dirr) reports, “About 1,200 Milwaukee police officers, augmented by officers from across the state and nation, will provide protection for visitors and delegates during the summer’s Democratic National Convention, police said Thursday.” Authorities “are anticipating about 4,000 officers will be assigned to the convention from July 13-16.” According to the Journal Sentinel, “Law enforcement officers from outside the state will function as if they are with arrest powers remaining with Wisconsin law enforcement, Milwaukee Police Lt. Wesam Yaghnani said at a meeting of the city’s Public Safety and Health Committee. ‘Obviously, there’s going to be a great demand on our current – reduced – resources, I might add, for downtown and convention activities,’ Ald. Bob Donovan, the committee’s chair, said Thursday.”

what's going to happen to our districts and our neighborhoods?" The Journal Sentinel adds, "Nick DeSiato, chief of Police Chief Alfonso Morales, said districts will largely be at minimum staffing levels because the department will be thin. Minimum staffing refers to what the district needs to function, and that figure depends on the district and the said."

**FBI Sees No "Credible Threat" Of Violence At News Year's RNC Convention In North Carolina.** The [Raleigh News & Observer](#) (11/14, Morrill) reports, "Though they've seen no 'credible threat' of violence at next year's National Convention in Charlotte, law enforcement officials said Thursday they're preparing for the possibility. 'The I aware of any credible threat of violence against the RNC at this time,' John Strong, the special agent in charge for North Carolina, told reporters," but "he said officials remain vigilant to the possibility." Strong "was among nearly a dozen law enforcement and public safety who briefed the media on security planning for the convention. As many as 50,000 people are expected for the convention, which will take place at the Spectrum Center in late August."

### **FBI Figures Show Washington State Had Fourth Highest Hate Crime Total In 2018**

The [Seattle Post-Intelligencer](#) (11/14, Halverson) reports, "The number of hate crimes across Washington plateaued from 2017 to 2018, going from 510 to 506 of reported incidents. But the state was still had the fourth-highest number of hate crimes behind California, New York and New Jersey, according to a new FBI report." According to the SP-I, "The report also reflected how hate crimes changed across the country, going from 7,175 in 2017 to 7,120 in 2018. However, the report showed a huge jump in one breakdown of the data. While hate crimes in general decreased by 1%, those that were based on sexual orientation discrimination increased by 30% across the state. 'It is unacceptable that hate crimes are at a near high here in the Pacific Northwest and across the U.S.,' said Anti-Defamation League Pacific Northwest Regional Director Cybers in a news release after the FBI report came out, singling out the increase in sexual orientation-related hate crimes."

### **Statistics Show Upswing In Child Exploitation Cases**

The [AP](#) (11/14, Long) reports, "Government investigators who uncover child exploitation initiated more than 4,000 cases around the world in the 2019 budget year, resulting in thousands of arrests and the identification of more than 1,000 victims, according to data obtained by The Associated Press." According to the AP, "The caseloads are growing because of the ease with which offenders can post graphic images of children online. 'With the dark web on there, the content is becoming more prevalent and more horrific,' said Matt Wright, the chief for the Child Exploitation Investigations Unit at Homeland Security Investigations." The AP adds, "The numbers from Oct. 1, 2018, to this past Sept. 30 are higher overall than for the previous years, according to the data, even as HSI's parent, the Department of Homeland Security, remains focused on immigration enforcement."

### **Wisconsin County Declares Itself Second Amendment "Sanctuary"**

The [Milwaukee Journal Sentinel](#) (11/14, Jones) reports "a county in rural northeastern Wisconsin has declared itself a Second Amendment sanctuary, a move that could spread to other counties." The Journal Sentinel adds "the day after Thanksgiving, the Florence County Board unanimously adopted an ordinance designed to send a 'keep your hands off our guns' message to politicians." This "nonbinding measure gives the sheriff the ability to 'exercise sound discretion to not enforce against a citizen an unconstitutional firearms law,'" although "that doesn't mean firearms will not be taken away from convicted criminals in criminal cases, including domestic violence or drugs."

### **Legislation To Consolidate Illinois Public Safety Pension Funds Heads To Governor's Desk**

The [Reuters](#) (11/14) reports from Chicago, "A bill to consolidate hundreds of local public safety worker retirement funds in Illinois to ease funding pressures on municipalities won final approval in the state legislature on Thursday." Reuters adds, "Ballooning pension liabilities for some cities in the nation's sixth most populous state have led to budget cuts, tax increases, asset sales and credit rating downgrades." The measure "consolidates about 650 police and firefighter pension fund assets into statewide funds in an effort to reduce administrative costs and boost investment returns. It passed the Senate in a 4-

following the House's 96-14 vote on Wednesday." Illinois Gov. JB Pritzker, "who championed the plan, called the bill' vital step forward for our fiscal future.'"

## New Jersey Sees Fewer Arrests Since Eliminating Cash Bail

[NJ News](#)   (11/14, Raychaudhuri) reports, "New Jersey's history-making and controversial move away from a cash system was expected to lead to fewer people sitting behind bars because they couldn't afford to pay their way out while awaiting trial," but "a new study released Thursday shows the overhaul led to a major shift in the state's justice system with fewer people being arrested for low-level crimes, jail populations that plummeted even more than expected and an increase in defendants set free without conditions such as ankle-bracelet monitoring," and "at the same time, state and federal crime continued to decline in New Jersey." NJ News adds, "The findings come as court systems around the country continue to implement similar reforms, part of a national movement away from cash bail."

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## CRIME & DRUGS

### Two Students Killed In California High School Shooting

The [Santa Clarita Valley \(CA\) Signal](#)   (11/14, Holt, Lunetta, Murga) reports "two people were killed and at least two others injured, including at least two students, were shot at Saugus High School Thursday morning." The fatalities were "a 14-year-old male student and a 16-year-old female student." The [AP](#)   (11/14, Dazio, Antczak) indicates the shooter is "in grave condition." [Reuters](#)   (11/14, Gorman, Devall) reports, "The suspect, who turned 16 on Thursday, was in grave condition, said." Reuters adds, "After drawing a .45 caliber handgun from his backpack, he opened fire on the other students, and then shot the last bullet for himself, Captain Kent Wegener of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department told a news conference. "At this point, we have no indication of any motive or ideology," FBI Agent Paul Delacourt said."

[KCAL-TV](#)   Los Angeles (11/14) reports, "Federal agents and Los Angeles County sheriff's investigators have searched a home in Santa Clarita believed to be where the suspected Saugus High School shooter lived with his family." KCAL-TV adds, "Agents from the FBI and ATF, along with investigators from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, were spotted at the home, awaiting a search warrant outside."

### Suspected Serial Rapist From DC Area Captured In North Carolina

The [Charlotte \(NC\) Observer](#)   (11/14, Lang) reports, "Police say a man wanted for a string of rapes and a murder in the Washington D.C. area was arrested in Horry County, South Carolina on Wednesday." According to the Observer, "The

assaults happened between 1991 and 1998. The suspect in the assaults was dubbed the ‘Potomac River Rapist.’” Th adds, “J. Reuben Long Detention Center records show Giles Daniel Warrick, 60, was booked into jail on Wednesday r fugitive from justice by Horry County officers. Washington D.C. police confirmed during a Thursday press conference Warrick is that suspect.” Warrick “faces charges of first-degree murder and other charges in connection to the sexual assault.” [Fox News](#) (11/14, Phillips) reports, “Warrick was connected to the crimes via forensic evidence, officials a Thursday.” Warrick “is suspected of killing 29-year-old Christine Mirzayan in the summer of 1998 as she walked home from a cookout in Georgetown, D.C. He’s also accused of sexually assaulting eight other women, including an 18-year-old and two women whose children were in the home at the time of the attack. His victims ranged in age from 18 to 58, officials said. The FBI “said seven of the nine attacks were linked back to Warrick by DNA. All of the attacks were linked to his violent crimes,” they said.”

### **Drug Operation In Vermont Leads To 16 Arrests**

[VTDigger \(VT\)](#) (11/14, Trombly) reports from St. Johnsbury, Vermont, “A federal and state crackdown snared 16 people accused of involvement with drug trafficking in the Northeast Kingdom, the U.S. attorney’s office announced Thursday morning.” According to VTDigger, “The month-long operation targeted Newport, St. Johnsbury and surrounding towns. Authorities said they seized about 700 bags of fentanyl and heroin, 100 grams of crack cocaine, two illegal guns and drug proceeds. ‘This is the second sustained surge of resources we’ve deployed this year to areas outside of Chittenden County that are hardest hit by the drug crisis,’ U.S. Attorney Christina Nolan said at a press conference in St. Johnsbury.” VTDigger adds, “Federal, state, county and local law enforcement officers partnered with federal and state prosecutors in the effort to bring these charges. Charges include drug distribution, possession with intent to sell and maintaining drug-involved premises.”

### **FBI Agents Arrive In Sonora To Assist Mexican Murder Probe**

[Arizona Public Media](#) (11/14, Woodhouse) reports, “FBI agents have arrived in Sonora to assist Mexican authorities in investigating the brutal murder of nine people near the small community of La Mora.” According to APM, “Earlier this month, U.S. Foreign Affairs Secretary Marcelo Ebrard said Mexico had invited the FBI to participate in the ongoing investigation. ‘We will take that initiative? Because it involves U.S. citizens, and there was no reason not to allow the FBI to have access to the investigations, which we have requested in other cases,’ Ebrard said, citing the example of the El Paso Walmart shooting. ‘FBI agents will not be armed, according to Ebrard.’” APM adds, “A federal law enforcement official confirmed to KJZZ that the agents arrived in the state, but he did not know how many. A family member of the attack’s victims said a couple dozen agents are in La Mora.”

## **OFFICER SAFETY & WELLNESS**

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### **New York Police Department Revamps Vacation Policy In Effort To Improve Officers’ Mental Health**

The [New York Post](#) (11/14, Moore, McCarthy) reports, “Top NYPD brass are making it easier for cops to take off on vacation – the department’s latest push to address officers’ mental health, The Post has learned. ‘In order to address the issue of mental health and morale, The Police Commissioner’s Office and the Deputy Commissioner of Labor Relations have decided to allow members of service [MOS] to spend time with their families and be able to take off,’ reads an email sent out to the officers on Thursday and obtained by The Post.” According to the Post, “The move will eliminate blackout periods, such as the six weeks before the holidays and during the summer months and holidays, giving cops the ability to take off during popular travel times – often an issue among law enforcement. ‘Basically you’re getting to pick vacation whenever you like, if the pick is available,’ a police source said.” The Post adds, “A number of cops still must be on the job, but the precincts were told to reach out to headquarters if they need any help with scheduling.” The move “comes as the NYPD deals with a spike in suicides and a push at the top to de-stigmatize officer mental health on the force.”

## **GLOBAL SECURITY**

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## UK Police Arrest Man On Syria-Related Terrorism Charges

[Reuters](#) (11/14) reports from London, “British police said on Thursday they had arrested a 26-year-old man at Airport who had arrived from Turkey, on suspicion of terrorism offences related to Syria. ‘He was arrested on suspicion of preparation of terrorist acts,’ London’s Metropolitan police said in a statement. ‘The arrest is Syria-related.’”

## THURSDAY'S LEAD STORIES

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## POLICING & POLICY

### DOJ Announces \$95 Million For Tennessee Public Safety Initiatives

The [AP](#) (11/8) reported the Department of Justice has announced “approximately \$95 million in awards to support safety efforts in Tennessee.” A news release from “the U.S. Attorney’s Office for the Middle District of Tennessee say were announced Thursday in Nashville.” These program include “nearly \$2 million for the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation efforts to stop heroin distribution and methamphetamine trafficking.” Memphis and Nashville are also “both receiving for their officer peer support programs.” Other awards provide equipment for law enforcement agencies and are also promoting rapid DNA analysis, school safety, and victim services and reducing violent crime.” Funding comes from “Community Oriented Policing Services, the Office of Justice Programs, and the Office on Violence Against Women.”

## COMMUNITY

### Chicago Mayor Names Former LAPD Chief As Interim Police Superintendent

The [Wall Street Journal](#) (11/8, Barrett, Subscription Publication) reports Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot on Friday recently retired Los Angeles Police Department Chief Charlie Beck as interim superintendent of the Chicago Police Department. The [Chicago Tribune](#) (11/8, Gerner, Pratt, Sweeney) says her “unusual appointment of an outsider...suggests” “is intent on pushing reform efforts even in the months before a successor to outgoing Eddie Johnson can take office to the Tribune, “What tangible changes Beck can implement in his limited time here remain to be seen, but at the very least brings the experience of leading LAPD through similar court-mandated reforms now facing CPD.” The Tribune adds Beck previously “earned praise for launching crime-fighting strategies that shifted away from strict reliance on aggressive driven policing to more engagement with residents on creating safer communities.”

## CRIME & DRUGS

## **Delaware Police Arrest Almost Two Dozen Wanted Persons In Two-Day Sweep**

The [AP](#) (11/9) reported from Dover, Delaware that a two-day “law enforcement sweep in a Delaware county located nearly two-dozen wanted people and issue warrants covering nearly 200 charges.” The Delaware State Police release that troopers along with local police in Kent County and state correctional officers participated in the blitz “over a week. State police also “say the issuance of a search warrant also led police to find 189 baggies of heroin in a home of a child under 10 also was living.” The Kent County Governor’s Task Force “and Kent County Drug Unit participated in the related operations.”

## **New Jersey County Announces Two Initiatives To Fight Opioid Crisis**

The [West Deptford \(NJ\) Patch](#) (11/8, Bellano) reported from New Jersey that the Gloucester County Prosecutor “and the Gloucester County Department of Health and Human Services introduced two new initiatives in the fight against an ongoing opiate crisis this week, officials announced.” The Road to Recovery Program is designed to “connect those with substance abuse with treatment providers who specialize in that individual’s needs, according to Gloucester County Jim Jefferson, Liaison to the Department of Health and Human Services.” The Gloucester County Prosecutor’s Office “has been officially recognized as a member of the federally designated Liberty Mid-Atlantic HIDTA Region (LMA-HIDTA) focuses on reducing drug trafficking and related violent crimes in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Delaware. The prosecutor’s office “and its local, county, state and federal law enforcement partners will continue to pursue criminal manufacture, distribute, and sell destructive opioids.” The prosecutor’s office will “continue to do this under its HIDTA designation.”

## **Cleveland Man Sentenced To 20 Years For Burglaries**

The [AP](#) (11/8) reported a Cleveland man authorities “say led an 18-month barrage of break-ins, armed robberies, shootings and high-speed police chases has been sentenced to 20 years in prison.” Glen Adkins Jr. was sentenced Thursday “after pleading guilty to dozens of charges including felonious assault of a police officer and aggravated robbery.” The crime began in “the fall of 2016 and escalated from car break-ins to home and garage burglaries in the neighborhoods of Cleveland and Slavic Village, Cleveland.com reported.” A special police task force had been “created solely for investigating the crime. Marshals assisted Cleveland police “in tracking down Adkins and his family at a motel in Independence in September.

## **OFFICER SAFETY & WELLNESS**

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### **Young New Jersey Police Officer “Has Law Enforcement In Her Blood”**

The [AP](#) (11/8, Whittaker) reported from Mount Holly, New Jersey to profile Ashley Sapp, a 20-year-old Burlington Township resident who “was recently hired by the Mount Holly Police Department as a special law enforcement officer Class I, joining a small list of African American female officers who have worked for the department over the years.” “her dad’s career path was a factor in her decision to pursue law enforcement right now,” adding, “I would see him at a platoon and how they interact with each other and how they always had each other’s backs.” A student at Rowan University, Sapp’s position in Mount Holly “is part-time and entails such things as routine traffic detail and crowd control, among other duties.” Sapp explained, “It’s more so crowd control, a lot of community policing.” Sapp also “said she’s starting with law enforcement career early so she can get the time management aspect down once she is full-time one day.”

## **TECHNOLOGY**

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### **NYTimes A1: Tech Industry Has Failed To Act Aggressively In Combating “Online Child Sexual Abuse Material”**

In an approximately 4,300-word story on its front page, the [New York Times](#) (11/9, A1, Kellergabriel, Dance) reported that even though “the tech industry has been more diligent in recent years in identifying online child sexual abuse material,

investigation by the Times found that the “industry has consistently failed to take aggressive steps” to address the problem of such material being recirculated. According to the Times, “Approaches by tech companies are inconsistent, largely pursued in secret, often leaving pedophiles and other criminals who traffic in the material with the upper hand.” The Times also notes that the industry doesn’t fully capitalize on technical tools which companies have “to stop the recirculation of abuse by matching newly detected images against databases of the material.”

## Indian Authorities Defend Plan To Build “Sweeping” Facial Recognition System

The [Financial Times](#) (11/9, Parkin, Subscription Publication) reported India’s National Crime Records Bureau is planning for a proposed facial recognition system. The NCRB says the system is compliant with consent and oversight laws.

## ALSO IN THE NEWS

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### Welsh Arsons, Grass Fires Rise Amid “Unprecedented” Hot Weather

[BBC News Online \(UK\)](#) (11/11) reports that “unprecedented and prolonged” hot weather has been “blamed for a number of grass, woodland and crop fires doubling in Wales last year.” The BBC writes that newly-released “Welsh Crime figures shed light on challenges faced by Wales’ fire and police authorities last year.” The head of a Welsh fire education initiative “said ‘unique weather’ meant more people were outside, with issues including discarded barbecues.” The collaboration “between Wales’ three fire services and four police forces.” Deliberately set blazes “also rose significantly. The number of arson-related fires was 2,612 in 2015-16 before Operation Dawns Glow – aimed at reducing incidents –

### Northern Irish Police Use Criminal Cash “To Protect Birds Of Prey”

[BBC News Online \(UK\)](#) (11/8) reports that cash seized from criminals “is being diverted to protect birds of prey from persecution” in Northern Ireland. The money is being “used to monitor nest sites and put GPS trackers on birds to prevent poisoning and shooting hotspots.” The equipment was bought “with money taken from gangs under proceeds of crime orders.” A 10-year report “published today records that since 2009, 66 birds have been killed, though officials believe the incidence may be higher.” Statistics show birds “like buzzards, red kites, peregrine falcons and sparrowhawks continue to be killed.” Police hope “the GPS trackers will mean that if the birds are targeted, they can be reached quickly, improving the investigation opportunities.” PSNI Wildlife Officer Emma Meredith “said wildlife crimes were taken seriously by police who were determined to investigate them.”

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## POLICING & POLICY

### Bill Would Require St. Louis Police To Be Told If Gun Buyers Fail Background Checks

The [St. Louis Post-Dispatch](#) (11/1, Schlinkmann) reports, "Licensed gun dealers in the city will have to tell police if a prospective buyer fails a federal background check under a bill passed Friday by the Board of Aldermen." According to the Post-Dispatch, "The bill's sponsor, Aldermanic President Lewis Reed, said the measure could help police 'fill in some missing pieces' in open investigations and in efforts to prevent domestic violence." Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America, "which pushed for the measure, said St. Louis is the first city in the nation to adopt such legislation although other states have similar policies." The group "said it's a federal and state crime for a would-be gun buyer to lie about their status on a background check form." Backers of the bill "believe that it will not violate a Missouri law barring local government regulations going beyond those imposed by the state."

### "Britain's FBI" Gets New Powers To Combat County Lines Drug Gangs

The [Daily Mail \(UK\)](#) (11/2) reports, "Ministers are planning to give a huge budget boost and sweeping new powers to 'Britain's FBI' to combat the growing threat of online paedophile rings, people traffickers and County Lines drugs gangs." According to the Daily Mail, "It comes as the National Crime Agency reveals the frightening scale of organised crime in an interview with the Daily Mail on Sunday, Lynne Owens, "director general of the NCA, said her gangbusters 'need more capability' to fight soaring levels of organised and increasingly sophisticated crime." Owens "pointed out that while understandable that terrorist threats dominate the headlines, it was 'chronic and corrosive' organised crime that 'kills more British citizens every year than war, terrorism and natural disaster combined.'" The Daily Mail adds, "According to NCA intel there are a staggering 181,000 criminals – the equivalent of the entire population of Ipswich – are members of the 4,500 organised crime groups that span the length and breadth of Britain."

## Michigan Law Enforcement Officials Face Challenges With New Legal Marijuana Laws

The [Detroit Free Press](#) (11/1, Hall) reports, “As the state begins accepting applications for recreational marijuana licenses Friday, local police departments already are tackling issues ranging from complaints about marijuana’s pungent odor to preparing for an expected increase in high driving.” According to the Free Press, “Police departments across the state have been dealing with issues surrounding marijuana enforcement for years, both in the black market and since Michigan legalized medical marijuana in 2008,” but “the new recreational landscape, with the impending widespread availability of pot, is forcing departments evaluating what enforcement looks like going forward.” Some police departments “are taking a hands-off approach until they get more guidance from the Legislature,” while “others expect the courts will get involved as enforcement ramps up.”

## CRIME & DRUGS

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### Study Finds Middle-Aged Black Adults See Rise In Opioid Deaths

[CNN](#) (10/31, Christensen) reports, “About 48,000 people lost their lives to opioids in 2017, the latest year for which complete data is available, according to a new study. Synthetic opioids, such as fentanyl, accounted for almost two-thirds of those deaths.” CNN adds, “In large metropolitan areas, black adults saw the largest increases in rates of drug overdoses involving opioids and synthetic opioids, with rates increasing 103% and 361% respectively, according to the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.” According to CNN, “From 2015 to 2017, nearly all racial and ethnic groups and all ages experienced significant increases in opioid-involved and synthetic opioid-involved overdose death rates.” Earlier research found that synthetic opioids accounted for nearly 60% of opioid-involved overdose deaths in the United States in 2017. There has also been an increase in deaths involving cocaine and psychostimulants such as methamphetamine, MDMA and methylphenidate (commonly sold as Ritalin).”

### NYTimes Analysis: Drones Increasingly Being Used By Criminals

The [New York Times](#) (11/3, Swales) reports that “drones are increasingly being used by criminals across the country and local law enforcement agencies are often powerless to stop them.” State and local authorities are “restricted by federal regulations from intercepting drones in flight, potentially even when a crime is in progress, though experts say that has yet to be tested.”

### Brazilian Police Arrest Man Said To Be One Of World’s Most Prolific Human Traffickers

[Reuters](#) (11/1) reports, “Brazilian federal police said they have arrested Saifullah Al-Mamun, born in Bangladesh and considered by authorities one of the world’s most prolific human traffickers.” According to Reuters, “In an operation on Thursday after collaboration with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), Brazilian police arrested members of a group allegedly implicated in a large scheme of smuggling people into the United States.” Reuters adds, “Several arrests were made in Sao Paulo, where Al-Mamun was living, and in three other Brazilian cities. The police also froze 42 bank accounts that were used by the group to finance their activities.”

### NYTimes Investigation: Breathalyzer Tests Often Unreliable

The [New York Times](#) (11/3, A1, Cowley, Silver-Greenberg) reports that a “million Americans a year are arrested for drunk driving, and most stops” involve drivers blowing “into a miniature science lab that estimates the concentration of alcohol in their blood.” Those tests, however, “are often unreliable, a New York Times investigation found. The devices at virtually every police station in America, generate skewed results with alarming frequency, even though they are marketed as precise to the third decimal place.”

### Kentucky Police Working On 31-Year-Old Cold Case Murder

The [Battle Creek \(MI\) Enquirer](#) (11/1, Christenson) reports, “The partially decomposed body of Gayle Barrus was found 31 years ago by hunters in Emmett Township,” and “a Battle Creek police detective thinks he found her killer days ago, I



Texas cemetery. ‘There is satisfaction that it might be the guy,’ Detective Scott Marshall said.” Marshall “spent a year the Barrus homicide before arriving at the Travis County International Cemetery in Austin, Texas, to watch the exhumation of the body of Richard Compton.” The Enquirer adds, “It still may be six months or a year before Marshall and the department know if the 59-year-old Compton, who died homeless in 2009, was the person who sexually assaulted and stabbed the mother of three, who was last seen at a Battle Creek restaurant on Oct. 9, 1988.” FBI investigators “took DNA from a bone, which will be compared to DNA evidence collected at the crime scene where Barrus’ body was found three days later.”

## Dozens Arrested In Southern Indiana Drug Probe

The [Louisville \(KY\) Courier-Journal](#) (11/1, Kobin) reports, “Police arrested about 50 people in Southern Indiana in a law enforcement investigation focused on rounding up drug dealers, authorities said Thursday.” According to the Courier-Journal, “A Jeffersonville Police news release said ‘Operation Fall Recall’ focused specifically on ‘street level drug dealers distributing heroin, methamphetamine and cocaine within the Southern Indiana area.’” The Courier-Journal adds, “Police in Jeffersonville, Clarksville and New Albany were part of the “extensive investigation” along with the Clark County Sheriff’s Office and the FBI Safe Streets Violent Gangs Task Force, according to the release.” [WDRB-TV](#) (11/1, Sh) reports, “Detectives say along with the arrests, they were also able to get meth, cocaine and heroin off the streets and more than a dozen firearms.” The [Jefferson \(IN\) News & Tribune](#) (11/1, Rickert) also reports.

## Police Seize Illegal Hemp Plants In California

The [AP](#) (11/2) reports from Bakersfield, California, “Authorities in Central California have seized and destroyed more than 1 million plants they said were being grown as legal hemp but contained THC, the psychoactive ingredient in marijuana.” Kern County Sheriff’s office “said it served search warrants at several fields totaling 459 acres in the Arvin area on Oct. 25 in a joint investigation with the FBI and California Department of Fish and Wildlife.” The office “said samples of the plants ‘well above’ the federal limit of 0.3 percent of THC for industrial hemp,” and “authorities said the plants were essentially cannabis worth about \$1 billion on the black market.”

[Fox News](#) (11/3, Sorace) reports, “The plants were grown under the appearance of a legitimate hemp operation,” the sheriff’s office said.” Fox News adds, “Industrial hemp production is legal in Kern County as long as the THC levels do not exceed the 0.3 percent limit, according to the sheriff’s office. The commercial sale of hemp or cannabis that exceeds that threshold is illegal.”

## South Carolina’s “Upcountry” Faces New Meth Epidemic After Opioid Epidemic

[USA Today](#) (11/2, Vestal) carried a profile on South Carolina’s “Upcountry,” which is facing a second drug epidemic on the heels of the earlier opioid epidemic. The region is now facing a new version of meth and the drug “is taking its place as the drug of abuse.” The new version of meth “flooding the nation is cheaper than ever before.” The article explained the extent of meth in the region, how it affects patients, and the need for treatment.

## OFFICER SAFETY & WELLNESS

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### Police Departments Grapple With Officer Suicides

The [Daily Beast](#) (10/30, Daly) reports, “NYPD Sgt. Peter Maginnis was in the family car, being a fun dad with his 10-year-old daughter, when his wife returned from picking up a gift certificate for her best friend’s birthday. ‘I’m like, “Look, dad, it’s a great moment, that’s awesome,”” MaryAnn Maginnis would recall 17 years later. ‘I wish she would remember that. She doesn’t remember anything. She was 1 year old.’” MaryAnn “remembers everything of that September day in 2002. Peter had taken her to get the gift certificate and then dropped her and their daughter, Joli, off at a restaurant for her best friend’s birthday lunch.” The Daily Beast adds, “After dropping MaryAnn and Joli off, Peter had driven a few minutes away to Shore Road and parked the car and crossed a pedestrian bridge over the Belt Parkway. He shot himself at the edge of New York Bay. MaryAnn “was still struggling with the enormity of that single loss as this current year saw one NYPD member after another die by suicide.”

after another commit suicide. The total had reached nine in August when the annual average is around four or five. she had to do something.” Bob Ganley is “deputy commissioner for employee relations and has been in the lead of t increasingly urgent suicide prevention efforts this year.” The department “has sought to make cops less reluctant to counseling and to make therapy more immediately available.”

The [Miami Herald](#)  (11/1, Brook, Rabin) reports, “In a ground-breaking assessment, Miami-Dade is surveyi and fire departments to get a better grasp of how many first responders might be dealing with post-traumatic stress More than 1,000 cops and firefighters have already filled out questionnaires and the results are expected to be mad early as December.” According to the Herald, “The first-of-its-kind survey for Miami-Dade is part of a growing shift ir enforcement to openly acknowledge psychological challenges and help cops and firefighters deal with them. ‘We ar enough to provide mental health services that are accessible to law enforcement,’ said Habsi Kaba, director of Miar Crisis Intervention Team, which works with first responders who often feel that toughing things out is a job require are supposed to put on that armor and just deal with it and if you are feeling emotional, then maybe you are not cu job.”

The [St. Louis Post-Dispatch](#)  (11/1, Byers) reports, “About 45 police chaplains from across the region met F St. Louis County Office of Emergency Management for a training workshop on how best to cope with officers who r suicidal.” According to the Post-Dispatch, “In 2018, 145 officers were killed in the line of duty; 159 took their own liv numbers were very startling to me,’ said St. Louis County Officer Tracy Panus, who attended the training. ‘It’s a rising among law enforcement officers and they wanted to see what they could do to help address it and help prevent it.” Louis County Police Department “hasn’t lost any officers to suicide in recent years, but this past year has been partic challenging with an uptick in killings involving children, Panus said.”

## TECHNOLOGY

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### Police In Scotland Deploy Drones To Find Missing People

[BBC News Online \(UK\)](#)  (11/4) reports, “Police Scotland has unveiled a new aerial drone system to help in search missing and vulnerable people.” According to BBC News, “The remotely-piloted aircraft system (RPAS) can see things try to work out where people are,” and “uses advanced cameras and neural computer networks to spot someone it for – from “a speck” up to 150 metres away.” BBC News adds, “Its recognition software is compact enough to be run with the technology learning as it goes. ‘The drone itself has very special sensors on it,’ said Insp Nicholas Whyte, of Scotland’s air support unit. ‘There’s a very highly-powered optical camera which can allow us to see things quite cle; good height. Also, there’s a thermal imaging sensor which detects heat. We’re there to find people. People who nee or people who are lost.”

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## ACLU Sues FBI, DEA for Facial

A civil rights group is suing the federal government to release records about its

By Associated Press, Wire Service Content Oct. 31, 2019, at 2:10 p.m.

**BOSTON (AP) —** A CIVIL rights group is suing the federal government to release records about its use of facial recognition technology.

The American Civil Liberties Union and its [Massachusetts](#) chapter say they filed the lawsuit in Boston federal court Thursday after law enforcement agencies failed to respond to a public records request.

The ACLU is seeking policies, contracts, and other records on the government's use of

recognition programs and other biometric identification and tracking technology.

The Justice Department, FBI and Drug Enforcement Administration — the federal agencies named in the suit — declined to comment.

San Francisco, Oakland, Berkeley, [California](#) and Somerville, Massachusetts are among the communities to ban the use of facial recognition technology by municipal agencies.

Critics say the surveillance tools invade privacy and are prone to error.



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## POLICING & POLICY

### Milton, Georgia Police Launch Crimes Against Kids Task Force

The [Atlanta Journal-Constitution](#) (10/31, Ibata) reports that the Milton, Georgia City Council “has approved a memorandum of understanding and equipment agreement with the Georgia Bureau of Investigation to have police in the Georgia Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force.” According to the AJC, “The Milton police criminal invest will partner with the GBI’s ICAC task force, conducting investigations following agreed-upon procedures, Police Chief said in a report to council members.” The program “is a response to the growing number of youth online, the prolifed child pornography, and heightened activity by predators, Austin said. ‘The mission of the ICAC Task Force program is state and local law enforcement agencies in developing an effective response to cyber enticement and child pornog... helping state and local law enforcement agencies develop effective and sustainable responses to online child victi child pornography,’ the chief said.”

### ACLU Sues FBI, DOJ, DEA Over Facial Recognition Records

The [AP](#) (10/31) reports from Boston, “A civil rights group is suing the federal government to release records of facial recognition technology.” The American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) “and its Massachusetts chapter say they lawsuit in Boston federal court Thursday after law enforcement agencies failed to respond to a January public recor The ACLU “is seeking policies, contracts, and other records on the government’s use of face recognition programs ar biometric identification and tracking technology.” The Justice Department, FBI and Drug Enforcement Administrati in the suit.

The [Washington Post](#) (10/31, Harwell) reports, “ACLU attorneys asked a federal court in Massachusetts to agencies to release documents about how the government uses and audits the software, how officials have commu companies that provide the software, and what internal guidelines and safeguards regulate its use. ‘These technolo

the potential to enable undetectable, persistent, and suspicionless surveillance on an unprecedented scale,' the attorney wrote. 'Such surveillance would permit the government to pervasively track people's movements and associations in ways that threaten core constitutional values.'"

## Thousands Of New York Police Officers To Guard NYC Marathon On Sunday

[Newsday \(NY\)](#) (10/31, DeStefano) reports that the New York Police Department "will deploy thousands of uniformed officers and more than 600 vehicles to safeguard the 50,000 runners and millions of onlookers at Sunday's 49th New York City Marathon, officials said." According to Newsday, "Briefing reporters Thursday, NYPD Commissioner James O'Neill said the race, which grew from a miniscule 127 Central Park runners in 1970 to a veritable army of athletes from around the world, will get the full treatment from the department's counterterrorism unit," and "even police drones will be pressed in to monitor the 26.2-mile five-borough race." Officers "will also be able to use counter-drone technology to intercept any errant drones that try to penetrate the race route, O'Neill said. 'Despite the growth we have seen over the last few years, the men and women of the NYPD are more than prepared for it,' the police commissioner said."

## CRIME & DRUGS

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### Mobile Teen Arrested For "Halloween School Shooting Threat" Escapes

The [AP](#) (10/31) reports from Mobile, Alabama that a teenager accused of "threatening to shoot up schools as a prank" escaped as officers were taking him to a detention center, police said Thursday. News outlets reported "officers were looking for the 17-year-old male around Mobile, where four high schools were threatened on social media." Mobile's public school system "released a statement saying a teen was arrested overnight for allegedly creating fake social media accounts and making threats toward high schools." The posts had included a "clown image and were meant as a Halloween prank, the statement said," but the system "said it takes all threats seriously and worked with city police and the FBI on the arrest."

### Ohio Raid Nets More Than 40 Pounds Of Fentanyl

[USA Today](#) (10/31, Stanglin) reports federal, state, and local authorities say "a raid by law enforcement agencies in southwest Ohio has seized more than 40 pounds of fentanyl." Vance Callender, Homeland Security Investigations supervisor in charge for Michigan and Ohio, said, "Twenty-kilograms (44 pounds) of fentanyl is enough to kill the entire population of many times over." According to authorities, "officers also arrested three people and seized 1,500 grams of suspected methamphetamine, 500 grams of suspected heroin, several firearms and over \$30,000."

[CNN](#) (10/31, Kim) reports, "The multimillion-dollar seizure 'clearly shows the enormity of the opioid problem area,' FBI Acting Special Agent in Charge Joseph M. Deters said. 'Law enforcement will continue to work aggressively to disrupt the illegal drug supply, but there is also a continuing need to address demand as well.'"

### Nineteen Arrested For Trying To Lure Children For Sex

[NJ News](#) (10/31, Nelson) reports, "Cops have arrested 19 men who allegedly tried to lure children for sex, officials announced Thursday." NJ News adds, "The alleged predators chatted online or on apps with officers posing as under-18 boys and girls. The men arranged to meet the 'kids' at two homes, and were arrested when they arrived." According to NJ News, the arrests began Oct. 23 and ended Monday as part of a sting called 'Operation Open Door.' The undercover officers who posed as 12, 13 or 14-year-olds were part of the state's Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force, and state Attorney General Grewal said police and prosecutors all over New Jersey had assisted, as well as the Federal Bureau of Investigation."

[My Central Jersey](#) (10/31, Deak) reports, "Like a scene from television's 'To Catch a Predator,' the suspect was arrested after highly trained undercover investigators, posing as children, 12 to 14 years old, on the internet, engaged in conversations about sex and made arrangements to meet for sex." According to MCJ, "Most of the suspects were arrested when they arrived at one of two residences in the county, where they expected to find their victims home alone."

## Growing Number Of US Citizens Involved In Immigrant Smuggling

The [Washington Post](#) (10/31, Sacchetti) reports that a June police chase and pickup truck crash near the Texas border “has led to murder and human smuggling charges against six teens,” and “revealed a growing trend as the Trump administration tries to crack down on illegal immigration along the southern border – the deep involvement of U.S. citizens.” According to the US Sentencing Commission, “more than 60 percent of people convicted of smuggling in federal courts over the last 10 years have been U.S. citizens, the majority of them with little or no criminal history.” The Post adds, “The recruitment of U.S. citizens is a sign of the smuggling industry’s agility amid tougher border security in the United States and Mexico.” And the expectation is that smugglers will not give up – they are likely to charge more and seek alternative ways to get people across the border.”

## Canadian Officers Arrest Suspected Drunk Driver Of Fuel Truck

[CIVT-TV](#) Vancouver, CAN (10/31) reports, “A traffic stop in Nanaimo has shocked even some of the most seasoned officers in the region.” According to CIVT-TV, “Nanaimo RCMP investigators say the driver of an 18-wheeled fuel truck was arrested for impaired driving after officers witnessed the huge vehicle driving erratically on the Island Highway.” On the scene, police “pulled over the large truck just south of the Fifth Street exit,” and “Mounties asked the driver to step down from the truck and say they immediately saw signs the man was drunk. Inside the cab, police say they found empty beer cans beside the driver. ‘Very troubling and shocking, were just some of the comments made by the investigating officers,’ said Nanaimo RCMP Const. Gary O’Brien on Thursday.” Police “say the trucker gave a breath sample that registered three times the legal limit for alcohol. ‘Although the fuel tanks were later found to be empty, given the sheer size of the vehicle, and the fact he travelled in an impaired state, it was simply a miracle that a tragic accident had not occurred,’ said O’Brien.”

## OFFICER SAFETY & WELLNESS

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### New Jersey County Appoints State’s First Resiliency Officer To Focus On Officers’ Mental Health

The [Times of Trenton \(NJ\)](#) (10/31, Duke) reports that Mercer County, New Jersey “became the first county in the state to appoint a Law Enforcement Resiliency Program officer – a move every county will eventually make to comply with a statewide initiative meant to focus on police department mental health.” Mercer County Prosecutor Angelo Onofri and County Executive Brian Hughes “appointed Agent Michael Pellegrino as the county’s program officer.” The program “will train resiliency officers to serve as a resource for law enforcement officers to recognize when they may be overwhelmed and need necessary help.” According to the Times, “The statewide initiative requires state, county, and municipal law enforcement agencies to choose a program officer that will undergo training by the FBI. The foundation for the training has four components: physical, social, and spiritual.”

## TECHNOLOGY

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### UK Commissioner: Police Use Of Facial Recognition Technology “Needs A Legal Code Of Practice”

The [Daily Mail \(UK\)](#) (10/31) reports, “A legal code of practice is needed before live facial recognition technology can be safely deployed by police forces in the UK, the data regulator has said.” According to the Daily Mail, “The Information Commissioner’s Office (ICO) said it had serious concerns about the use of a technology that relies on large amounts of personal information.” Commissioner Elizabeth Denham “said current laws and practices ‘will not drive the ethical and legal changes needed to truly manage the risk’ presented by LFR,” and “she called for police forces to be compelled to show that the use of LFR is ‘strictly necessary, balanced and effective’ in each case it is deployed.”

## GLOBAL SECURITY

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### Bomb Squad Examines Suspicious Car Parked Outside Pittsburgh FBI Office



The [AP](#) (10/31) reports from Pittsburgh, “Authorities are looking for the owner of a car that was left unoccupied back gate of the FBI’s office in Pittsburgh.” According to the AP, “Guards saw the vehicle pull up around 5 a.m. Thursday driver left.” FBI spokeswoman Catherine Policicchio “says the city’s bomb squad was called in. They examined the vehicle and had non-threatening words painted on it, with a K-9 and robot.” Policicchio “says the area was cleared and at no time was the public in any danger.”

The [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#) (10/31, Wimbley) reports, “The FBI and Pittsburgh police spent several hours this morning investigating a suspicious vehicle that was left parked outside the FBI’s South Side office building.” Policicchio “says an individual drove up to the back gate of the East Carson Street building, parked the vehicle and left some time before the guards who monitor a second gate on another side of the building noticed the vehicle shortly after and notified them. The back gate “is usually locked and monitored by security cameras rather than guards, officials said.” The Post-Gazette “The Pittsburgh bomb squad and police K-9 were called in to investigate, and at least two robots were brought in to search for any items found in the vehicle.”

## UK Terror Suspects Found With Fake Police Uniform

[BBC News Online \(UK\)](#) (10/31) reports, “Two men arrested on suspicion of terrorism offences had a replica police uniform in their car, police have said.” According to BBC News, “The men, aged 57 and 22, were held in Manchester city centre on Wednesday and their car was searched.” BBC News adds, “Greater Manchester Police said it was now satisfied the incident at Deansgate ‘was not terrorism-related’ and the men have been released without charge.” Assistant Chief Constable Mark Stanger quoted saying, “Currently, police are treating this as irresponsible behaviour that has quite rightly been reported as such by members of the public. Inquiries as to whether any non-terror-related criminal offences were committed remain ongoing.”

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Dear PERF member,

I hope you will be able to join us for PERF's Town Hall Meeting on October 27, in conjunction with the IACP's Annual Conference and Exposition. The Town Hall will be held in the McCormick Place Convention Center where the IACP conference is taking place. The purpose of this email is to share with you some of the topics we plan to discuss at the meeting and to get you thinking about the issues you want to bring up.

If you have never attended a PERF Town Hall Meeting, let me tell you that it's a big, 4-hour, freewheeling event where police leaders come together to talk about the toughest issues they are currently facing. Think Jeffersonian Democracy or a New England Town Meeting, where for four hours of uninterrupted dialogue we debate, thrash around and push the envelope on the critical issues of the day.

Everyone is welcome to join in the conversation and to raise any issue or question. Participation, debate and spontaneous discussion are what make PERF's Town Hall Meetings unique and informative. To get the ball rolling, we always do some planning on a few key issues and make sure we have the right people in the room to start the discussion.

Here are some of the topics and questions we plan to explore. If you're attending Town Hall and would be interested in speaking about one of these topics, feel free to reply to this email to let me know.

**Suicide by Cop:** PERF will share its new training guide on safely defusing "suicide by cop" situations.

While suicide by cop is not a new phenomenon, no protocol exists for these circumstances, which may account for 100 or more fatal police shootings per year. The presentation will include policy, protocol, and scenario-based training videos PERF has developed and a discussion with the researchers and police officials who helped develop the training guide.

**Facial Recognition**: A growing number of jurisdictions are banning or severely restricting the use of facial recognition by law enforcement, including California, which just banned facial recognition in body-worn cameras. This discussion will focus on how PERF members are approaching facial recognition and dealing with concerns over both privacy and accuracy.

**Preventing Officer Suicide**: PERF will share findings from its recent report and April meeting on officer suicide that was held in conjunction with the NYPD. Members will share the steps their agencies are taking to prevent officer suicide.

**Relationships between Police and Prosecutors**: In several large jurisdictions, top prosecutors have been elected on platforms of “criminal justice reform.” Some district attorneys have vowed to decline to prosecute, or seek lower penalties, for individuals arrested for or convicted of a range of relatively minor crimes. Earlier this year, PERF held a meeting of the police chiefs and top prosecutors from 10 jurisdictions. Members from these cities and others will discuss how they are working with prosecutors who have embraced a reform agenda.

**Police Workforce and Recruiting**: PERF will discuss the recommendations from its recent report on the future of the police workforce, and members will share how they’re addressing recruiting and retention challenges in their agencies.

**Use of Force**: In addition to an update on ICAT training and other use-of-force issues, we will call on PERF members from California to discuss the policy and training implications of the state’s new law that changes the use-of-force standard from “reasonable” to “necessary.”

**Crime Reduction Strategies**: Cities will discuss their strategies for addressing crime increases or share what has worked to achieve crime decreases.

**Recent Personnel Changes**: Chiefs and sheriffs who have recently started new jobs or retired from agencies will share what they’ve learned in their positions.

These are just a few of the topics we plan to discuss. I encourage you to come up with other issues you would like to discuss and debate. If you have specific topics you want to raise at the Town Hall, please reply to this email and let me know your ideas.

Immediately after the Town Hall Meeting, PERF will host a reception, where you can catch up with your friends and colleagues over a drink and hors d'oeuvres.

Here are the logistics:

**When:**

**Sunday, October 27**

Town Hall Meeting: 1 to 5 p.m.

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**Where:**



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**If you are attending Town Hall, please download the “VConference” app (icon below) and enter the code “PERF”. You can use the app to see information about PERF events at IACP and submit questions during the Town Hall.**



In addition, please visit the PERF Booth, #5242, in the Exhibition Hall!

I hope to see you for what should be a lively discussion in Chicago!

Best,

Chuck Wexler

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### Seattle, Washington Police Trained To Treat Victims Of Violence

The [Seattle Times](#) (10/14, Green) reports, “Rock music blared as blue and red lights flashed in a large, dark room building off Airport Way South. Fog machines belched smoke into the air, obscuring the vision of the police officers as they tended to patients wrapped in silver thermal blankets, surrounded by the detritus of torn medical supplies.” According to the Times, “It was the final day of an advanced 4-day training program for the Seattle Department’s certified Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs), held last month.” The Times adds, “Created by a Seattle military veteran and an emergency-room doctor, the training deliberately stimulated the officers’ stress response – tunnel vision, auditory exclusion and the loss of fine motor skills – in order to hone their abilities to treat people injured in shootings, stabbings and explosions. Based on a blend of battlefield and civilian medicine, the training is tailored for law enforcement officers who must first secure a violent scene before rendering aid, even amid the panic following an emergency mass shooting.”

### Canadian Police Urge Scrutiny Of Bail System Amid Surge In Gang Violence

The [Globe and Mail \(CAN\)](#) (10/14, Hayes) reports, “As Canada’s major cities grapple with a surge in gang violence, the bail system has come under fire by police as being too quick to allow accused criminals back onto the streets.” According to the Globe and Mail, “With more than 530 people shot in his city so far this year, Toronto Police Chief Mark Saunders has been particularly vocal about his frustration with what he sees as the revolving door of the bail system when it comes to gang violence. His officers are arresting the bad guys, he argues – it’s the courts that are letting them back out to re-offend.” Chief Saunders “has taken to social media recently to highlight, anecdotally, cases that reflect his concerns,” and “a growing number of police chiefs have echoed his concerns.”

### Detroit Forum To Focus On Police Use Of Facial Recognition Technology

The [AP](#) (10/14) reports, “A Detroit city council member is hosting a community forum on the use of facial-recognition technology by police.” The event, hosted by Roy McCalister Jr. “is expected to focus on how the software will be implemented by Detroit’s Board of Police Commissioners.” The board “has approved the police department’s use of the technology to investigate crime.” The AP adds, “Images from video surveillance are fed into software, which can search databases and social media for a match. The software has been used since 2018, but Chief James Craig had sought a permanent policy.”

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## CRIME & DRUGS

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### Police Searching For Suspected Kingpin Of Vast Asian Meth Syndicate

[Reuters](#)   (10/14, Allard) reports from Bangkok, “The largest ever task force assembled to fight organized crime identified a long-time drug trafficker, a China-born Canadian national, as the suspected kingpin of a crime syndicate that dominates the \$70 billion-a-year Asia-Pacific drug trade.” Reuters adds, “The suspected syndicate leader is Tse Chuan-an, an ex-convict who formerly lived in Toronto and has moved between Macau, Hong Kong and Taiwan in recent years, to counter-narcotics officers from four countries as well as law enforcement documents reviewed by Reuters. Authorities have not publicly identified Tse as the boss of the drug trafficking group.” According to Reuters, “The syndicate he is suspected of running is known to its members as ‘The Company,’” and “law enforcers also refer to it as ‘Sam Gor,’ or Brother Nur in Cantonese, after one of Tse’s nicknames.” The Australian Federal Police (AFP), “which has taken the lead in the current investigation, has compiled a list of top syndicate members that identifies Tse as ‘the senior leader of the Sam Gor syndicate.’” The group “has been connected with or directly involved in at least 13 cases” of drug trafficking since January 2015.

### Two Shot At New Hampshire Church During Wedding

The [Washington Post](#)   (10/12, Kiesel, Epstein, Knowles) reports, “At least two people were injured in a shooting at a wedding” at the New England Pentecostal Ministries in Pelham, New Hampshire, “including its bishop.” The Post adds that police at the wedding ceremony subdued the alleged attacker by the time law enforcement arrived, and the suspect was arrested. One person was killed “and the two injured people were taken to nearby hospitals” including Bishop Stanley Choate. An ordained minister at the church “was found shot to death inside his home last week,” and the suspect, “Brandon Castiglione, 28, was arrested and charged with second degree murder...and is currently being held without bail.”

The [New York Times](#)   (10/12, Ortiz) reports, “A Saturday morning wedding...came to a bloody and abrupt end when a gunman entered and opened fire, injuring at least two people before he was ‘gang-tackled’ by attendees.” The suspect was arrested. The Times “was not publicly identified nor was a motive revealed, but the police said the shooting did not appear to be related to the wedding.”

### Police Investigate “Alarming” Explicit Social Media Posts By New York Students

The [Syracuse \(NY\) Post-Standard](#)   (10/14, Doran) reports that Port Byron School Superintendent Neil O’Brien has referred parents to an FBI and state police investigation into ‘alarming and illegal’ social media posts by students. “At least some of the posts involve sending nude images, according to a newsletter sent to parents.” O’Brien told parents that “some of the posts and words posted on social media are ‘exploitative’ and said they will likely result in prosecution of the adults involved.” In an email to the outlet, O’Brien explained that while the FBI investigation encourages the public to pay attention “because it involves the most base elements in society,” it’s just one case of “too many dangerous and inappropriate postings.”

### Federal Prostitution Probes Of Pennsylvania Massage Parlors Originated In Flushing, New York

The [Allentown \(PA\) Morning Call](#)   (10/13, Peirce) reported that Flushing, New York is a “common thread linking the human trafficking industry between Mount Pleasant, Pennsylvania, and the Florida panhandle.” In August, federal prosecutors in Florida accused David C. Williams, 41, of Pensacola of running a network of massage parlors from the Sunshine State to Pennsylvania...that exploited undocumented women and underage girls to perform sex acts for money.” Many of the girls “came from China to New York, where they made their way to Flushing before being sent to his various businesses, the FBI court filings.” US Magistrate Judge Hope Cannon wrote, “[FBI] Agent John Canning testified for the government, describing [Flushing] as a hotbed of Chinese nationals and portal for human trafficking.”



## Honduran Drug Cartel Figure Testifies He Bribed Presidents

The [AP](#) (10/11) reports from New York, “The former boss of Honduras’ Los Cachiros cartel testified Friday that hundreds of thousands of dollars in bribes to the current and former presidents of Honduras in exchange for protection, extradition to the United States and other favors.” Devis Leonel Rivera Maradiaga “said in a Manhattan court that he bribed President Porfirio Lobo between \$500,000 and \$600,000 in 2009 and alleged that Lobo helped him launder the proceeds of drug trafficking.” Rivera Maradiaga “also said he paid a \$250,000 bribe to current President Juan Orlando Hernández, specifying the date,” and “he said he bribed many Honduran politicians, including the current minister of security.” Lobo denied wrongdoing, saying last week that he did not receive illicit money from anyone and calling accusations against him “falsehoods from criminals who are trying to reduce their sentence in the USA.”

## OFFICER SAFETY & WELLNESS

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### Fourteen Police Officers Killed In Ambush In Mexico

The [Washington Post](#) (10/14, Sieff, Martínez) reports, “At least 14 police officers were killed in an ambush in the Mexican state of Michoacan on Monday, a reflection of the intensifying violence between security forces and criminals in one of the country’s most volatile regions.” Mexican President Andrés Manuel López Obrador “ran for office on a promise to address the root causes of organized crime, a strategy he has called ‘abrazos, no balazos’ — hugs, not bullets.” However, “Monday’s attack cast more doubt on the effectiveness of his approach.” López Obrador “pushed for the creation of a National Guard, aimed at strengthening security in cities with weak local police,” but “many have been dispatched to Mexico’s southern and northern borders to deter migration to the United States, part of a bilateral plan with the Trump administration.”

## GLOBAL SECURITY

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### Dutch Court Convicts Asylum-Seeker In Station Terror Attack Against US Citizens

The [AP](#) (10/14) reports a Dutch court on Monday “convicted an Afghan asylum-seeker and sentenced him to 26 years imprisonment for stabbing two American tourists in a terror attack at Amsterdam’s main railway station.” The man, identified by Dutch authorities as Jawed S, “was shot by police shortly after he stabbed two 38-year-old American tourists at Amsterdam Central station on August 31 last year.” The court convicted Jawed S. “of attempted murder with a terrorist motive” and sentenced him to the maximum possible 26 years and eight months.” It ruled that he traveled by train to the Netherlands from Germany, “where his application for asylum was rejected, to avenge what he perceived as insults to Islam and to know his victims were Americans.”

### Fifteen People Killed In Attack On Mosque In Northern Burkina Faso

[Reuters](#) (10/12, Ndiaga) reports, “Gunmen killed about 15 people in an attack on a mosque in northern Burkina Faso during prayers on Friday evening, a security source and a local official told Reuters.” Reuters adds, “An Islamist insurgent group with links to Islamic State and al Qaeda has crossed into Burkina Faso this year from neighboring Mali” shattering relative calm in Burkina which, until this year, had largely been spared the kind of violence which has made large areas of the Sahel ungovernable, especially Mali.”

### At Least 10 Kenyan Police Officers Reportedly Killed By Bomb Near Somali Border

[Reuters](#) (10/12, Paravicini) reports, “At least ten Kenyan police were killed when their vehicle struck a homemade bomb near the border with Somalia on Saturday, according to a police report seen by Reuters.” Police “believe the device, one immediately claimed responsibility, was planted by Islamist group Al Shabaab, the report said.”

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## ONTARGET WEDNESDAY

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### **Union Accuses Baltimore Police Leaders and Politicians of Mismanagement**

The union that represents officers with the Baltimore Police Department issued a scathing report on Tuesday in which they accused police and political leaders of severe mismanagement of the agency, saying that the intense violence in the city is the direct result.

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### **Terror Bomber Gets Attempted Murder Conviction for Shooting at Officers**

When officers arrived around 10:30 a.m., Rahimi pulled a 9mm pistol and opened fire — hitting one of the Linden officers in the torso and in his ballistic vest, according to authorities.

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### **California Law Prohibits Facial Recognition on Police Body Cameras**

The bill from Assemblyman Phil Ting, D-San Francisco, takes effect at the start of 2020 and expires after three years. Ting initially proposed a permanent ban on the technology.

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## **Ford Police Interceptor Utility: Making Hybrid Standard Issue**

The 2020 Ford Police Interceptor Utility hybrid provides improved power and performance, in addition to potentially significant fuel savings, due to reduced idle times and a 41% improvement in fuel economy, vs. the previous-generation 3.7L engine.

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## **New York Officer Reportedly Dies by Suicide**

An off-duty officer with the Nassau County (NY) Police Department died of an apparent self-inflicted gunshot wound on Monday.

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## **Man Who Beat Texas Officer with Baton is Fatally Shot**

A Texas man who took an officer's baton and beat him with it was fatally shot by that officer on Tuesday morning.

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## **Rhode Island Officer Injured in Motorcycle Accident Recovering**

An officer with the Middletown (RI) Police Department who was badly wounded after his motorcycle collided with a pickup truck is reportedly "progressing very well."

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## **Cobwebs Technologies: Deep Web Detective**

Cobwebs Technologies' AI-powered solutions allow officers to find hidden information about criminals and how they're linked across all facets of the internet.

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## **Nebraska Officer Fatally Shoots Man Who Drove Truck Into Chic-fil-A**

An officer with the BNSF Railway Police Department shot and killed a man who drove a pickup truck into a Chic-fil-A restaurant after being escorted from the building a few moments prior.

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## **California Officers Deliver Walker to Man Who Had His Stolen**

When dispatcher Nicole Santoyo, alongside Officers Brian Kearns and Carlos Gonzalez of the West Covina (CA) Police Department learned that an elderly man had his walker stolen from his front yard, they decided to take matters into their own hands and provide the man with a replacement.

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## **Off-Duty Connecticut Officer Saves Elderly Woman from House Fire**

An off-duty officer with the Hamden (CT) Police Department is being hailed for rushing to the scene of a house fire and rescuing a 95-year-old woman inside.

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## POLICING & POLICY

### Sarpy County, Nebraska Agencies Join Forces To Step Up Traffic Safety Enforcement

The [Omaha \(NE\) World-Herald](#)   (10/9, Robb) reports, "As traffic fatalities in Sarpy County climb, law enforcement agencies across the county are joining forces to show they're serious about traffic safety." According to the World-Herald, "The agencies ran a joint traffic enforcement operation along State Highway 370 in Sarpy County, using 14 officers and patrolmen from across the different jurisdictions to pull over speeding drivers," and "the extra law enforcement created a visible presence for the new initiative's first public effort." The World-Herald adds, "That's part of the point, said Chief Deputy Greg L. Smith of the Sarpy County Sheriff's Office. By working together, the agencies want to get drivers' attention to urge them to slow down at red lights and pay more attention."

### California Lawmakers Block Police From Using Facial Recognition In Body Cams

The [San Francisco Chronicle](#)   (10/8, Gardiner) reports, "Civil liberties advocates are declaring victory after California became the latest state to block police from using facial recognition technology in body cameras." California Gov. Gavin Newsom "signed AB1215 on Tuesday, prohibiting police departments from outfitting body cameras with technology to identify individuals through their facial features or other biometric traits." The law takes effect January 1 and expires in 2023, but can be extended.

### Northern Ireland Official "Coming After" Paramilitaries

[BBC News Online \(UK\)](#)   (10/8) reports, "The chief constable of the Police Service of Northern Ireland is 'coming after' paramilitaries." Simon Byrne, "who has been in the job for 100 days, said one of the force's priorities was tackling paramilitaries." Byrne "said one of his reasons for calling for more officers was 'to give people more confidence to come forward.'" "said he wanted to ensure the police were 'the only legitimate power and control' in communities. 'I will use every resource available to me and my officers both within criminal and civil law to dismantle your networks and put you in jail if you are in communities,' he told the BBC's Stephen Nolan."

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## COMMUNITY

### Portland, Oregon Police Found In “Substantial Compliance” With DOJ Settlement

The [Oregonian](#) (10/8, Bernstein) reports, “A team of Chicago-based academics hired by Portland to oversee the settlement agreement with the U.S. Department of Justice on police reforms has found the Police Bureau in ‘substantial compliance’ with every paragraph of the agreement, from changes to its use of force policy, response to people in crisis and community oversight.” According to the Oregonian, “A judge approved the settlement in 2014, after a federal investigation found police engaged in excessive force against people with mental illness and fired multiple cycles of shocks unnecessarily.” The Oregonian adds, “According to Dennis Rosenbaum and his team, their rating of ‘substantial compliance’ means the city and police have adopted systems of review and organizational changes to address problems with new approaches to auditing and training.”

## CRIME & DRUGS

### FBI Figures Show Southern States Saw Largest Drop In Violent Crime In 2018

[U.S. News & World Report](#) (10/8, Leins) reports, “There were approximately 1.2 million violent crimes in the U.S. down 3.3% from the year before, according to data recently released by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.” US News adds, “The South saw the greatest decline in violent crime per capita, with a 4.8% drop from 424 violent crimes per 100,000 in 2017 to 403 offenses per 100,000 people in 2018. The drop was driven by West Virginia, whose violent crime rate per capita dropped nearly 20%.” US News adds, “All regions saw a decline in violent crime per capita, ranging from the South’s 4.8% drop to the West’s 0.6% decline.”

### Florida Couple Arrested After String Of Robberies

[WBBH-TV](#) Fort Myers, FL (10/8, Shportun, Green) reports from North Fort Myers, Florida, “A couple was arrested in North Fort Myers on Monday night for their involvement in a string of robberies.” According to WBBH-TV, “The Lee County Sheriff’s Office swarmed the Gulf Express gas station on McNeill Road and Pondella Road in North Fort Myers.” The FBI “executed a search warrant on a North Fort Myers couple accused of a string of robberies in Altamonte Springs, Fort Myers and Davenport.” John Armstrong Jr., 30, “was charged with robbery and attempted bank robbery, while the woman, 43, was charged for a separate federal criminal complaint with bank robbery, according to a news release from the State Attorney’s Office.”

### FBI-Supported Operation Triple Beam Concludes With 126 Arrests

The [Fresno \(CA\) Bee](#) (10/8) reports that the US Marshals-led and FBI-supported Operation Triple Beam “put 126 people behind bars during its three-month duration in Fresno County.” The operation “brought together local, state and federal law enforcement agencies and focused on disrupting and dismantling gangs by removing guns, drugs and cash – what CIU U.S. Marshal Lasha Boyden called the three centers of gravity for gang activity.”

### FBI Seeks Information On Victims Of “Most Prolific Serial Killer” In US History

The [Washington Post](#) (10/8, Shammass) reports, “Samuel Little described his crimes in painstaking detail, some smiling or laughing at the memory. Over 18 months of confession to a Texas Ranger inside the prison where he’s already a life sentence, the gray-haired 79-year-old man admitted to 93 killings spanning 19 states and 35 years.” According to the report, “With 50 of those cases verified, the FBI announced that Little, whose gruesome crimes went undetected for decades, is the most prolific serial killer in U.S. history,” and “now, investigators are seeking the public’s help in identifying the rest of the victims he has confessed to having strangled between 1970 and 2005.” The FBI on Sunday “released a trove of information on 100 unmatched cases, including video clips of Little recounting meeting the victims and dumping their bodies.”

### **New York City Police Report Crime Down From Last Year**

[Newsday \(NY\)](#) (10/8, Jones) reports, “Crime in New York City declined by 2.6% so far this year compared with the same period last year, the NYPD said Tuesday.” According to Newsday, “The drop included murder, robbery, burglary, grand larceny auto, though shooting incidents were up, statistics show. Overall, there were 1,876 fewer crimes compared with 71,871 in the same period last year ending Sept. 30. ‘While crime in New York City remains down thanks to the tireless work of the men and women of the police department working in close partnership with community members, it is also focused on violent crime and the persistence of gun violence,’ Police Commissioner James P. O’Neill said in a statement.”

### **UK Police Bust Huge Drug Smuggling Ring**

The [Telegraph \(UK\)](#) (10/8) reports, “Britain’s biggest ever drug smuggling gang has been smashed after billions worth of narcotics was brought into the UK, the National Crime Agency believes.” According to the Telegraph, “Officers arrested 13 men aged between 24 and 59 on Tuesday across the country in dawn raids.” The Telegraph adds, “The NCA seized 92 kilos of cocaine, 92 kilos of heroin, 250 kilos of cannabis and 1,850 kilos of hemp/hashish, with a total street value of more than £10 million, in three consignments in September 2018,” and “investigators believe more than 50 tonnes of drugs worth £100 million were imported from the Netherlands, between February 2017 and October 2018, hidden in lorries carrying fruit and juice.”

## **TECHNOLOGY**

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### **Study Finds 140 Ransomware Attacks Target Local Governments And Healthcare Providers So Far This Year**

[CNN International](#) (10/8, Kim) reports that, “just this year alone, 140 ransomware attacks targeting public state governments and health care providers have been reported,” according to a tally by the cybersecurity firm Recorded Future “which has tracked attacks on local governments since 2013 and the healthcare industry since 2016.” The attacks have targeted “schools, local government offices and hospitals.” One recent victim was “a network of Alabama hospitals that had trouble accepting new patients because of a ransomware attack.” Last year, the firm “tracked 85 attacks.” That’s a rise “of nearly 60 percent, an average of nearly three attacks each week.” Complicating officials’ abilities to track these attacks, “many organizations choose not to report these incidents, hoping to avoid news coverage of the attack and resulting payouts means the total number “is largely unknown.”

## **GLOBAL SECURITY**

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### **German Attack Under Terrorism Probe**

[BBC News Online \(UK\)](#) (10/8) reports, “An attack on motorists in the western town of Limburg is being investigated as terrorism, security sources have told German media.” On Monday, “a man hijacked a lorry and ploughed into eight vehicles waiting at a traffic light, injuring eight people. Seven were treated in hospital.” BBC News Online adds, “A thirty-two-year-old suspect has been arrested.” Originally from Syria, “the man has been living in Germany since 2015, local reports say. The incident “was being treated by investigators as having a ‘terrorist background’, although Interior Minister Horst Seehofer said it was not a terrorist attack.”

Tuesday he could not yet say how the incident was being classified.”

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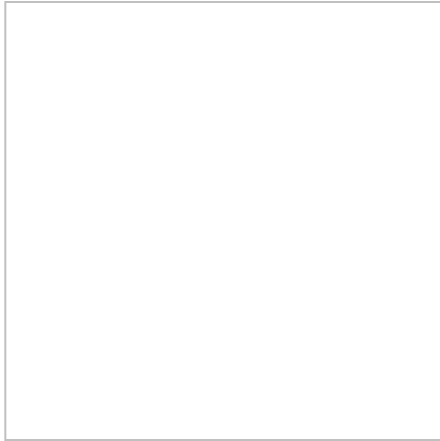
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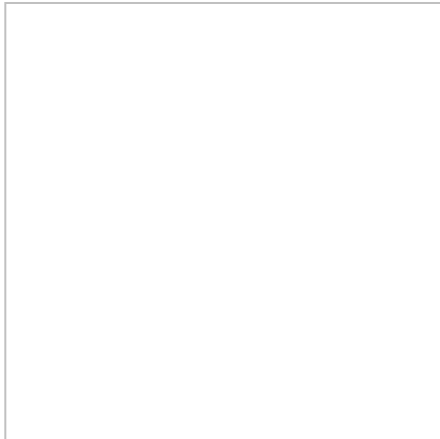
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