

Subject: Re: Public Record Request

Date: Tuesday, April 14, 2020 at 9:28:53 AM Eastern Daylight Time

From: Ryan Quimby

To: Lori Hall

CC: Jeffrey Dalessio

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Date: Wednesday, April 8, 2020 at 11:57:45 AM Eastern Daylight Time
From: Jeffrey Dalessio
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Sounds good
NoTalk, no policies , etc nada
let ryan research and see what there is or what we may have missed

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- [INSERT REQUESTED RECORDS TO BE PROVIDED IN COMPLETE & UNREDACTED FORMAT]

The Department has waived any associated fees due to the disclosure of the requested record being in the public interest.

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Stay safe and remain healthy!

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Subject: Fwd: ACLU Public Records Request (04.06.2020)
Date: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 at 10:47:56 AM Eastern Daylight Time
From: Jeffrey Dalessio
To: Lori Hall

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From: **Info - MA Chiefs of Police Association** <info@masschiefs.org>
Date: Tue, Apr 7, 2020 at 10:40 AM
Subject: ACLU Public Records Request (04.06.2020)
To: <jeffrey.dalessio@eastlongmeadowma.gov>

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Stay safe and remain healthy!

Best,
Eric

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Date: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 at 10:40:04 AM Eastern Daylight Time

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Subject: ACLU Public Records Request
Date: Monday, April 6, 2020 at 5:07:06 PM Eastern Daylight Time
From: on behalf of Emiliano Falcon-Morano
To: Kade Crockford, Taisha Lazare
Attachments: ACLU Records Request Clearview 4-6.pdf

Good Afternoon,

Please see attached.

Best,

Emiliano

Emiliano Falcon-Morano

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Subject: IACP's The Lead: Police In US Say Arrests Are Last Resort To Enforce Coronavirus Distancing.

Date: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 at 7:29:01 AM Eastern Daylight Time

From: The IACP

To: jeffrey.dalessio@eastlongmeadowma.gov

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[ABC News](#) (3/31) reports, "After some of the nation's fire departments for violations of coronavirus-related distancing orders, police across the country are attempting to navigate the delicate task of enforcing these rules – preferably less with handcuffs than with help from the community, police leaders told ABC News." In Charles County, Virginia, "over the weekend the sheriff's office arrested a man for holding a bonfire at his house with about 60 people. They said because of a violation of Maryland Gov. Larry Hogan's emergency coronavirus order and it was the second time police had visited for the alleged violation." and "a New York City bar operator was also arrested this week for a purported violation of a local executive order against nonessential gatherings there." According to ABC News, "International Association of Chiefs of Police President and Buffalo Grove, Ill. Chief Steve Casstevens said arresting people in violation of the new coronavirus order is the "last thing we want to do." "I've been getting messages from many other law enforcement agencies that say rather than physical arrest, they're giving a summons or essentially a non-traffic ticket for a violation to give to people for a future violation."

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The [Minneapolis Star Tribune](#) (3/30, Olson) reports, "Nobody wants to arrest anyone for playing in the park ever since Gov. Tim Walz issued his stay-at-home order, police departments have been receiving reports from residents concerned about soccer matches, basketball games and even couples walking hand-in-hand." According to the Star Tribune, "The stay-at-home order took effect at midnight Friday, and before the rainy weekend was over, Edina City Hall had issued a warning to residents: Comply with the order or risk the consequences. Other cities haven't been as explicit. But they are asking residents to call police if they see groups gathering in violation of the governor's order. 'Ideally, in a perfect world, we

neighbors to talk to each other, but that doesn't always happen,' Woodbury police Cmdr. John Altman said. 'If you tl problem, give us a call.'"

In online coverage, [CNN](#) (3/31, Jackson) reports law enforcement organizations in different parts of the U cracking down" on people who have ignored "strict orders to follow social distancing guidelines" that aim to preven coronavirus spread. In New Jersey, for example, Jacquon Jones "was charged with disorderly conduct for holding a la violation" of an emergency order that prohibits such gatherings.

Some Police Fear Rise In Domestic Violence As Families Quarantine Together

[ABC News](#) (3/31, Mallin) reports, "With countless American families cooped up together amid stay-at-home o coronavirus pandemic, some law enforcement officials said they fear an unintended consequence of long-term, clos living: a potential rise in domestic violence incidents." ABC News adds, "So far there has been only a slight uptick in violence calls to police, according to Steve Casstevens, president of the International Association of Chiefs of Police, he's preparing for things to get worse. 'I fully believe that the longer these stay-at-home orders [are] in place, the m calls we're going to get,' said Casstevens, who is also the current chief of police in Buffalo Grove, Illinois." Casstevens heard from other law enforcement leaders who shared his concern."

Continuing Coverage: Law Enforcement Warns Of Coronavirus Scams

The [San Diego Union-Tribune](#) (3/31, Riggins) reports, "Last week, FBI agents from San Diego and Los Angeles a Southern California man who claimed he had created a 'patent-pending cure' for COVID-19, according to federal aut According to the Union-Tribune, "The agents arrested the 53-year-old Keith Lawrence Middlebrook when he deliver supposed coronavirus cure in pill form to an undercover agent posing as an investor. 'Every major health authority h that there is no specific antiviral treatment for COVID-19 and no vaccine to prevent coronavirus infection,' federal a said in a statement. 'Although the ... criminal activity was centered in (Los Angeles), San Diego FBI agents worked the stop this fraudulent activity using the COVID pandemic,' FBI Special Agent Davene Butler, a spokeswoman for the ag Diego field office, wrote in an email Friday."

[WXYZ-TV](#) Detroit (3/31, Shaykhet) reports, "The FBI is releasing an urgent message to metro Detroit to av scammers looking to cash in on the coronavirus pandemic." WXYZ-TV adds, "FBI Detroit Special Agent in Charge Stev D'Antuono said he has also been personally targeted by email and phone scammers, trying to sell protective equipr phony COVID-19 test. He's reminding you to never give up your personal information, or credit card numbers, when or agency asking for it isn't someone you know. 'Through your email, your computer or phone calls too. There's a lo scams that try to get you to click on a link. If you don't recognize it don't click on it. I've gotten several myself,' he sai some scams are specifically trying to prey on fears of seniors, or anyone else who may have health problems. In som scams come as warnings about suspicious activity or as messages from banks who you don't have an account with. the lookout for scams involving the coming stimulus checks."

[WJW-TV](#) Cleveland (3/31) reports that the FBI "is seeing a rise in fraudulent schemes related to the coron pandemic including fake airline carrier refunds and phony testing kits." WJW-TV adds, "Cleveland FBI special agent a spokesperson Vicki Anderson said, 'Criminals taking advantage of, they are preying on people's emotions.'" Anderso cautious of fake CDC emails or anyone selling products that claim to prevent, treat, diagnose or cure COVID-19. She of the counterfeit products as well. Anderson said, 'If you see something from the Centers for Disease Control, and y interested in it go out of your email and go to that website. That way you know it is a legitimate website.'"

[WRTV-TV](#) Indianapolis (3/31) reports that the FBI "issued an alert that phone calls, texts or emails asking or financial information in order to get the \$1,200 federal payment check that was included in last week's \$2 trillion are not legitimate. People can report fraud by filing a report with the FBI's Internet Crime Complaint Center. The FBI website dedicated to information about COVID-19 fraud that includes instructions on what to look for and where to

Federal Courts Closed By Coronavirus Can Hold Criminal Hearings By Video, Teleconference

The [Washington Post](#) (3/31, Marimow) reports, “With courtrooms shuttered for most in-person hearings, the judiciary is for the first time broadly allowing certain criminal proceedings to take place through video and teleconference change for technology-resistant trial courts throughout the country.” According to the Post, “The shift in policy announced Tuesday is intended to slow the spread of the novel coronavirus by allowing judges, prosecutors, defense attorneys and defendants to work and appear remotely. It is unclear whether it will lead to lasting changes in how the federal judiciary operates, and some are concerned that the video and teleconferences could cut off media and public access to what were once open proceedings.” The Post adds, “Leaders of the Judicial Conference – the governing body of the federal courts – have approved a temporary exception to long-standing rules prohibiting cameras in the courtroom on Sunday in response to provisions tucked into the federal stimulus legislation signed by President Trump last week,” but “there is no guarantee that the public will be able to watch or listen when defendants enter plea agreements or are sentenced to prison held remotely.”

India Police Officer Uses Helmet Resembling Virus To Warn Distancing Violators

[BGR](#) (3/31, Wehner) reports, “The coronavirus lockdown in India has forced a police officer to wear a virus-shaped helmet to get his point across. The helmet is shaped like the virus, and officer Rajesh Babu uses it to warn commuters of the danger of ignoring social distancing orders.” Police in India “are struggling to keep people from leaving their homes and breaking the nationwide lockdown now in place to protect citizens from the novel coronavirus pandemic. The virus is spreading rapidly in a country of over 1.3 billion people. Now, one officer has come up with his own technique for capturing the attention of pedestrians and commuters: a coronavirus helmet.” Rajesh Babu of Chennai, India, “now wears a motorcycle helmet painted red with red paint and rounded spikes while doing his daily rounds. The helmet, which was designed by a local artist, resembles the coronavirus, and Babu uses it as a tool to get the attention of travelers who don’t seem to think the pandemic is a big deal.”

Chicago Rents Hotel Rooms For First Responders During Coronavirus Outbreak

The [AP](#) (3/31) reports, “Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot said Tuesday that the city is renting nearly 300 hotel rooms for first responders working during the coronavirus outbreak and worried that returning home between shifts puts their families and members at risk.” Lightfoot “said the city will foot the costs for first responders including Chicago’s police, firefighters and paramedics who want to use the downtown hotel rooms rather than returning to their own homes. She said the city is also making arrangements for healthcare workers with the same concerns about spreading the virus to their families and will announce details soon.”

Amid Lockdown, Police In India Help Deliver Medicines

The [Deccan \(IND\) Herald](#) (3/31) reports, “Lathika, aged around 40, had almost lost hope of getting medicines for her ailment they were available only in Thiruvananthapuram, the southern end of Kerala, while she was staying at Kasargod, the northern end,” but “the Kerala police made it happen by conducting an overnight relay covering 550 kilometres, involving 19 police patrol teams.” The Herald adds, “Mother of an endosulfan victim at Periya in Kasargod, Lathika was taking the medicine regularly over many years. With the lockdown coming into force unexpectedly and her medicine stock ending, Lathika expressed her concern with Ambalathara Kunhikrishnan, an activist working for endosulfan victims. The medicine was available in Thiruvananthapuram.” According to the Herald, “Kerala Revenue Minister E Chandrasekharan...alerted Kerala state police chief Loknath Behera about the issue on Sunday evening and subsequently the medicine started its journey from Thiruvananthapuram with patrol teams in each limit handing over the packet to the next team. By Monday morning it reached Kasargod passing through 19 patrol teams and was delivered by police personnel at the doorsteps of Lathika at Periya.”

Puerto Rico Closes Police Stations Amid Outbreak

The [AP](#) (3/31) reports, “Puerto Rico on Tuesday closed its third police station in a week, raising concerns about the U.S. territory to respond to the coronavirus pandemic as officers accused the government of exposing one of its police departments in a U.S. jurisdiction to COVID-19.” The AP adds, “More than 100 officers now remain quarantined in the territory.”

of police await test results on an island that has reported eight deaths and more than 230 confirmed cases amid a new curfew that has shuttered beaches, parks and non-essential businesses.” According to the AP, “The first police station located in the popular tourist town of Rincon, where the 42-year-old wife of one officer recently died from COVID-19, is closed to health officials. A couple days later, authorities shuttered the police station in the eastern town of Aguas Buenas because an officer tested positive. On Tuesday, Public Safety Secretary Pedro Janer said another six officers in that station also tested positive and that a dozen more test results are pending.”

Washington State Enacts Facial Recognition Technology Curbs For Law Enforcement

[Reuters](#) (3/31, Dave, Dastin) reports, “Washington Governor Jay Inslee on Tuesday signed the first U.S. state law that sharply curbs law enforcement’s use of facial recognition technology, while civil rights activists said the measure did not go far enough to protect marginalized groups.” According to Reuters, “Facial recognition software can identify individuals in photos and videos based on a database of known subjects. The technology has won over businesses and police in the last few years despite objections that it invades people’s privacy and exacerbates racial and gender biases. Washington’s law requires government agencies to obtain a warrant to run facial recognition scans, except in case of emergency. The law also requires agencies to have a way to be independently tested for ‘accuracy and unfair performance differences’ across skin tone, gender, and other characteristics, according to the legislation, which applies to all public agencies in the state.” The law “also requires agencies to make public reporting around usage of facial recognition.”

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The Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) has recently posted a solicitation for state, local, and tribal law enforcement organizations to apply for funding to support civil rights cold case work. Specifically, BJA is soliciting application grants to provide funds to state, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies (including prosecutor’s offices) associated with the investigations and prosecutions of cold case murders suspected to have been racially motivated. The solicitation includes provisions to support victims’ families and stakeholders affected by these cases (through the funding to law enforcement agencies).

For more information: <https://bja.ojp.gov/funding/opportunities/bja-2020-18017>

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COMMUNITY

Allentown, Pennsylvania Officials Hold Online Community Meeting Amid Coronavirus Crisis

The [Allentown \(PA\) Morning Call](#) (3/31, Scott) reports, “Publicly answering questions for the first time about the coronavirus on life in the city, Allentown Mayor Ray O’Connell joined police Chief Glenn Granitz Jr. during the police department’s first online community meeting Tuesday.” According to the Morning Call, “The meeting was held on the police department’s Facebook page, rather than have the public gather at the usual location, to practice social distancing in order to slow the spread of the coronavirus. Police Capt. Charles Roca translated for Spanish-speaking residents.” The Morning Call reports, “As Granitz and O’Connell answered questions from the public watching online, O’Connell reminded residents who come to go out to stay at home, practice social distancing and take other measures to help slow the spread of the virus. He said that basketball courts were removed from basketball courts to prevent crowds from gathering there. Among other topics discussed w

police department's recent hire of seven officers and welcoming more applications."

CRIME & DRUGS

US Charges Man Who Stabbed Asian-American Family In Texas With Hate Crime

The [Daily Beast](#) (3/31, Melendez) reports, "The vicious stabbing of an Asian-American family, including a 2-year-old child, at a Sam's Club in Texas earlier this month has been deemed a hate crime by the feds, as authorities continue to raise concerns about a potential surge in racially motivated crimes amid the coronavirus outbreak." Jose L. Gomez, 19, "confessed to authorities that he attempted to murder three Asian-American family members, including the toddler and a 6-year-old child, on March 14 at the Midland, Texas store, according to the Midland Police Department." Gomez, "who stabbed the individual Sam's Club employee, is now facing several charges, including three counts of attempted capital murder and one count of aggravated assault. He is being held on several bonds totaling \$1 million. 'The suspect indicated that he stabbed the family because he thought the family was Chinese, and infecting people with coronavirus,' according to an FBI analysis report by ABC News."

The [Dallas Morning News](#) (4/1, Ramirez, Scudder) reports, "According to the analysis obtained by ABC, the FBI believes such crimes 'likely will surge across the United States' as the contagion spreads, 'endangering Asian American communities.... A portion of the U.S. public will associate COVID-19 with China and Asian-American populations.'"

New York Men Charged In Connection To 2011 Murder

The [New York Daily News](#) (3/31, Brown) reports Kevin Taylor, Gary Robles and Michael Mazur "were charged Tuesday with shooting [Joshua Rubin] and dumping his burned body in rural Pennsylvania following a drug deal for a pound of pot. The judge announced the indictment, and they "said they had surveillance video and cell phone location data showing the three men went to a Home Depot and purchased plastic bags, a plastic garbage can and latex gloves."

The [New York Post](#) (3/31, Feuerherd) reports Rubin "owned Whisk Bakery Cafe in Ditmas Park and owed creditors \$14,000 at the time of his Halloween disappearance."

Also reporting is [Staten Island \(NY\) Advance](#) (3/31).

US Authorities Seize \$30 Million In Illegal Drugs From Cross-Border Tunnel In San Diego

The [New York Times](#) (3/31, Vigdor) reports, "Federal agents seized \$29.6 million worth of illegal drugs from a tunnel used by smugglers to enter San Diego from Mexico, a cross-border passageway so sophisticated that it had ventilation, lighting and an underground rail system, the authorities said on Tuesday." The stockpile of drugs included "1,300 pounds of cocaine, 17 pounds of methamphetamine, 17 pounds of heroin, 3,000 pounds of marijuana and more than two pounds of fentanyl," the Tunnel Task Force, which is made up of agents from ICE, the DEA and Border Patrol, said.

TECHNOLOGY

FBI Warns Of "Hijacking" Of Online Classes During Shutdowns

The [Washington Post](#) (3/31, Strauss) reports, "The FBI just issued a warning to the public about the 'hijacking' of online classrooms and teleconferences after it received reports of disturbances by people shouting racist and threatening language or displaying hate messages." The Post adds, "Concerns about online security have been rising as most of the nation has shifted to online education, with school buildings closed to try to stem the spread of a novel coronavirus that has stopped public life around the world. Schools have rushed to put together online lessons and programs, sometimes without strict security measures." The FBI said in its new warning that it has received multiple reports of conferences being disrupted by pornographic content or other inappropriate things, while two schools in Massachusetts reported intruders signing into online classes."

The [New York Post](#) (3/31, Lapin) reports, "Hackers have been hijacking video conferences and online classes using the popular software Zoom, in a frightening trend emerging amid the coronavirus pandemic, the FBI warned on Monday."

FBI has received multiple reports of conferences being disrupted by pornographic and/or hate images and threatened language,' said a warning from the agency's Boston division." The Post adds, "There have been at least two instance called "Zoom-bombing" in Massachusetts, including one where someone hacked a school meeting and flashed swas In another incident, a hacker dialed into an online class being conducted using the teleconferencing software, yelled and shouted the teacher's home address."

GLOBAL SECURITY

Judge Denies Bail For Maryland Man Linked To White Supremacist Group

The [AP](#) (3/31, Kunzelman) reports, "A Maryland man linked by the FBI to a white supremacist group and arrested at a gun rights rally in Virginia must remain in federal custody while he awaits trial, a judge ruled Tuesday." US Magistrate Deborah Boardman "refused to set bond for Brian Mark Lemley Jr., who was indicted on gun-related charges. A different magistrate judge previously refused to set bond for two other men who were arrested in January on related charges" adds, "Federal authorities have said the three men were members of a white supremacist organization called The Base. Department prosecutor has said the group's goal was to accelerate the overthrow of the U.S. government and replace white supremacist regime." Lemley, 34, "and fellow Base member Patrik Mathews, 27, discussed 'the planning of violent gun rights rally in Richmond, Virginia, in January, prosecutors said in a court filing."

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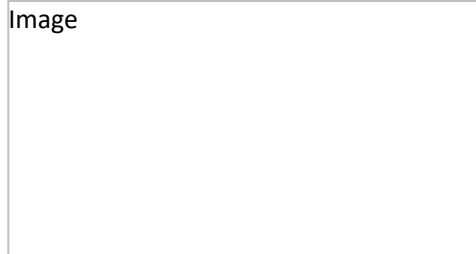
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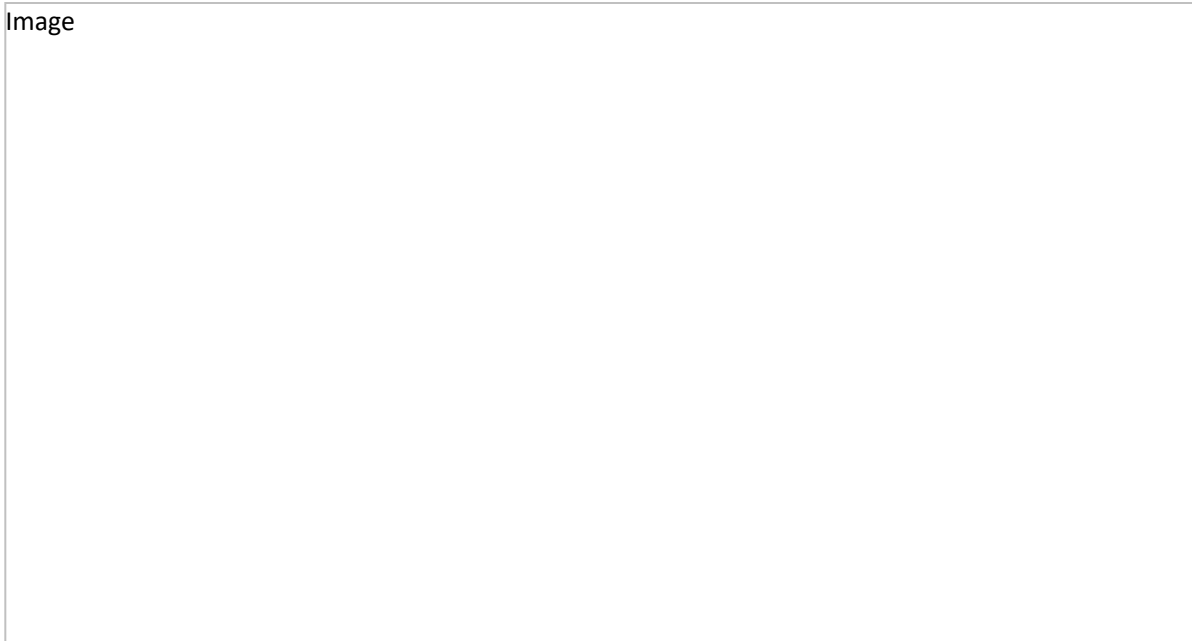
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Solving violent gun crimes



From [WPLG Local10](#) in Miami, Florida (emphasis ours):

*[...] After the **fatal shooting** on North Miami Avenue at Northwest 20th Street, [the suspect] ran away. Despite a massive manhunt in Miami's Wynwood-Overtown boundary, [the suspect] was able to escape to another state. Assistant Chief Armando Aguilar said artificial intelligence helped detectives find him.*

*"**Within just over 30 hours**, we had identified [the suspect] and had him in handcuffs in Columbus, Ohio," Aguilar said on Thursday.*

*Aguilar said the Miami Police Department has been testing facial recognition software by **Clearview.AI** [...] Detectives said the system, which has been criticized over invasion-of-privacy concerns, **quickly tracked** [the suspect], who has a "Death Before Dishonor" tattoo on his forehead. [...]*

*[This] case isn't the only one that includes the use of this technology. In the **two months***

that detectives have been using the software they have been able to **identify 10 suspects** who have been tied to felony cases, including **violent crimes**, Aguilar said. [...]

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Solving thefts and fraud

Image



From [WFTV 9](#) in Clermont, Florida (emphasis ours):

*An alleged thief is in jail after two Florida law enforcement agencies used a controversial crime-fighting tool. [The suspect] was wanted for allegedly **stealing nearly \$12,000** worth of items from a Clermont store last month.*

*Investigators said they were able to identify [the suspect] through facial recognition technology. [...] **Within two days**, both Tampa police and Seminole County deputies said they used facial recognition software to tentatively identify the suspect [...] The Sheriff's Office said it is currently testing a facial recognition program called **Clearview AI**. [...]*

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Saving children from sexual abuse

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From [The New York Times](#) (emphasis ours):

*[...] Investigators say **Clearview’s tools** allow them to learn the names or locations of minors in exploitative videos and photos **who otherwise might not have been identified**. In one case in Indiana, detectives ran images of **21 victims of the same offender** through Clearview’s app and **received 14 IDs**, according to Charles Cohen, a retired chief of the state police. **The youngest was 13.***

“These were kids or young women, and we wanted to be able to find them to tell them we had arrested this guy and see if they wanted to make victim statements,” Mr. Cohen said.

*Another official, a victim identification officer in Canada, who was not authorized to discuss investigations publicly, described Clearview’s technology as “**the biggest breakthrough in the last decade**” in the field of child sexual abuse crimes. [...]*

*The app is being used by task forces in Florida, Indiana and South Dakota dedicated to investigating child abuse, as well as by the **Department of Homeland Security** and law enforcement in Canada. [...]*

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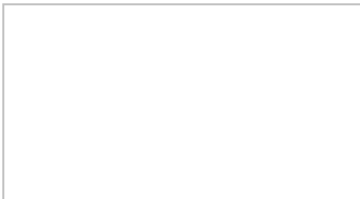


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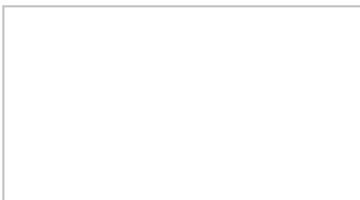
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Coronavirus Has US Law Enforcement Changing Policing Practices

The [Los Angeles Times](#) (3/17, Winton, Tchekmedyian) reports, "Coronavirus is bringing changes in the way Los law enforcement operates." The Times adds, "Local authorities stress they are not responding to more crime. Rather to get more officers in place to help during the crisis while also keeping first responders safe. The Los Angeles Police on Sunday confirmed its first coronavirus case. The supervisor in the Pacific Division felt ill and went home Monday, said." The department "will shift half the detectives working in its community stations to daily patrol in order to ensure peace," and LAPD Assistant Police Chief Robert Arcos "said the move would provide at least 300 additional officers or potentially more." The move "comes after L.A. County Sheriff Alex Villanueva shifted deputies in other units to beat allow the department to prevent problems at places such as Costco, where large crowds of shoppers often wait." On Wednesday, "all the LAPD's community police stations will be closing their front desks and walk-up service."

The [Orange County \(CA\) Register](#) (3/17) reports, "Police departments throughout Southern California are making changes to help prevent the spread of the new coronavirus, including closing their station doors and encouraging or discouraging requests for service. While many say they will keep responding in person to crimes in progress, agencies are encouraging who can report less urgent matters or service requests to do so by phone or online. 'So we're still providing the service just adapting new ways to do them ... and trying to limit unnecessary contact,' said Fullerton police Sgt. Eric Bridges. Tuesday, March 17, the Fullerton Police Department's front desk was closed. 'It will be staffed to take phone calls but no contact.'" The OCR adds, "Across the region, police agencies are closing their doors and pushing for alternative ways with the public – from Corona to Fontana and to the Los Angeles Police Department – all in an effort to slow the spread of fast-moving COVID-19. Some agencies have telephones outside stations that people can use to file reports or ask questions of staff inside. Many advised the public to call their local police departments' non-emergency or general phone lines if they are going down to a station."

The [Minneapolis Star Tribune](#) (3/17, Xiong, Sawyer) reports, "Law enforcement agencies throughout the state are suspending most jail bookings for low-level crimes to avoid clogging county jails as public defenders called for the release of nonviolent inmates at risk of contracting the novel coronavirus." According to the Star Tribune, "Under recommendations from county attorneys, local departments are focusing their energy on detaining violent individuals who represent an immediate threat to public safety, rather than misdemeanor cases that can be cited and released. It's the latest step made by counties and jails to curtail bookings and court appearances for nonviolent and low-level offenses. 'We're asking deputies to use common sense,' said Ramsey County Sheriff Bob Fletcher, explaining that a warrant for minor traffic-related offenses should not land someone behind bars. 'It's not helpful or necessary for them to be brought to jail. ... All we're doing is bringing a potentially contaminated person to the facility.'"

[MLive \(MI\)](#) (3/17, Burns) reports from Lansing, Michigan, "In Lansing and a growing number of communities, if someone steals from your garage during the ongoing coronavirus crisis, police probably won't respond in person." Michigan "Limiting public interaction, or social distancing, is a growing trend as police agencies across the state pivot to maintain public safety while protecting law enforcement and citizens from the potential spread of coronavirus." Lansing Police Chief Green "in a March 12 'coronavirus exposure mitigation' memo said his officers, 'until further notice,' won't respond to reports of larceny; property destruction; retail fraud, if a suspect isn't known or the value of the theft is under \$1,000; attempted break-ins or break-ins at unoccupied buildings, including garages or vacant homes; ID theft when the victim is financially harmed and reimbursed by their bank; harassing phone calls or emails; credit card theft if the charges are

Lansing and calls of lost property. Reports for those crimes may instead be entered on the city's website or via phone. [The Hill](#) (3/17, Axelrod) reports, "The Philadelphia Police Department instructed its offices to temporarily suspend arrests for certain non-violent crimes until next month amid the coronavirus outbreak." The Hill adds, "The decision to suspend arrests for crimes, including drug offenses, theft and prostitution, was announced in an internal memo released by the Philadelphia Inquirer. Under the new guidelines, those who would normally be arrested would be only temporarily held if authorities confirm identification and complete necessary paperwork. They would be formally arrested at a later date. The policy maintains that 'if an officer believes that releasing an offender would pose a threat to public safety, the officer or a supervisor' who could then decide if the suspect should be held."

[NJ News](#) (3/17, Napoliello) reports, "Police chiefs are asking their officers to remain vigilant, but to prioritize interactions with the public. And in some cases, that can mean letting minor infractions – like tinted windows or a broken taillight – go. 'What we're doing is reminding (officers) there are certain violations that are mandatory,' explained Hudson County Police Chief Ken Ferrante. 'Almost all of Title 39 (the code for motor vehicle and traffic violations) is discretionary. If someone is acting in a dangerous manner, do what you need to do. Any minor issues, we're not putting our focus on them.' News adds, "Police chiefs around the state are implementing certain protocols to limit exposure to the public, especially when it comes to medical calls. Some departments have scaled back the number of officers who respond to non-emergency calls and have limited access to police headquarters. Authorities in Summit are taking police reports by phone until further notice."

UK Police Would Be Allowed To Detain Coronavirus-Infected People Under Emergency Laws

The [Independent \(UK\)](#) (3/17, Buchan) reports, "Emergency legislation allowing police and immigration officials to temporarily detain people infected with coronavirus have been published by the government." According to the Independent, "Matt Hancock, the health secretary, unveiled sweeping powers to bolster the UK's response to the outbreak, including allowing for police and immigration officials to arrest and detain those who may cause a risk to public health. The Emergency Bill, which will be brought to the Commons on Wednesday, also allows the home secretary to shut transport hubs in the event of border staff shortages and grants ministers powers to ban mass gatherings and close schools." The Independent adds that "more or video hearings will be used more frequently in the courts to allow people to self isolate and to limit the impact of the proceedings. To ease pressure on the health service, retired NHS and social care staff will be able to return to work temporarily and a new compensation fund will be created for volunteers to take paid emergency leave from their jobs to assist in the care of patients and other facilities."

London Police Commissioner Reassures Public That Police Are Still Fighting Crime Amid Pandemic

The [London \(UK\) Evening Standard](#) (3/17, Bentham) reports, "Metropolitan Police Commissioner Dame Cressida Rawlings today vowed to keep her officers on the streets to continue the fight against violent crime and help Londoners overcome 'fear and uncertainty' caused by coronavirus." According to the Evening Standard, "Dame Cressida said the capital has never known a 'darkest of times' before, including during the 2017 terror attacks, as she emphasised the grave nature of the threat posed by the current pandemic," but "she said that the capital had pulled through then and could do so again now by displaying the same resilience as she promised that the Met would do everything possible to play its part. 'The fast-moving nature of the pandemic presents many challenges that are new,' Dame Cressida said in an article for the Evening Standard. 'But I want to reassure you that much also remains the same. Our brave, dedicated and professional officers are, and will be, out there on the streets and supporting your community. We are here to support people and to continue to perform our primary function of protecting lives and preventing crime wherever we can.'"

New Zealand Police To Carry Out Spot Checks To Ensure Tourists Self-Isolate Amid Coronavirus Outbreak

[The Guardian \(UK\)](#) (3/18, Roy) reports, "New Zealand police have been enlisted to check up on people in self-isolation after some tourists refused to comply with mandatory measures." According to the Guardian, "Twenty cases of the virus have now been recorded in New Zealand, all of them originating from overseas arrivals into the country. Jacinda Ardern said the government would continue to encourage tourists to self-isolate and to avoid public places."

government has imposed strict self-quarantine measures on all arrivals into the country, including New Zealanders, asked anyone arriving before the announcement to abide by the same guidelines,” but “some travellers have refused and at least two tourists have been detained and may be deported.” The Guardian adds, “The ministry of health has police to assist with the enforcement and this week officers conducted 50 ‘compliance visits on a random sample of travellers’. In a statement police said the visits involve officers ‘sighting’ those in self-isolation and asking them a series of questions about their wellbeing.”

Seattle, Washington Police Academy’s Closure Due To Coronavirus Outbreak Delays Training For Officers

The [Seattle Times](#) (3/17, Green) reports, “A group of 30 police recruits, five of them new hires with the Seattle Department (SPD), gathered in the lobby of a building on the Burien campus of the Washington State Criminal Justice Commission (WSCJTC) on Monday night for an informal graduation ceremony, devoid of the usual pomp that accompanies police-academy graduations.” The Times adds, “Class 798 graduated 1 1/2 weeks early, just before WSCJTC Director announced the shutdown of the police training academy for at least the next four weeks because of the novel coronavirus outbreak,” and “it’s not yet clear how the commission’s 30-day closure will impact police departments working to get a number of available officers, and much will depend on when public-health officials determine it’s safe enough for large groups of people to gather again. Schools and libraries across the state also have closed in the wake of the virus’ outbreak, and this week, government officials ordered bars and restaurants to shutter except for delivery or take-out in an effort to slow the spread.”

Gun Sales Rise Amid Coronavirus Concerns

[NBC News](#) (3/17, Popken) reports on its website, “Anxious shoppers snatching up guns and ammo to guard against chaos related to the coronavirus pandemic are leading in some cases to long lines, short supplies, and purchase limitations.” NBC News adds, “Businesses say some customers are feeding a self-fulfilling prophecy of artificial shortage, buying up fire protection because they’re afraid others will empty the shelves first. Other customers are looking to protect themselves and fellow shoppers as tempers flare due to grocery stores stripped of the essentials.” According to NBC News, “Over 5.5 million background checks were conducted in January and February, according to FBI data, 1 million more than during the same period last year. Gun sales typically increase in election years, but this year’s figures are still an increase of nearly 350,000 compared to last year.”

The [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#) (3/17, Hayes) reports, “At gun shops, cash registers rang more like Christmas Eve than Patrick’s Day as firearm and ammunition sales soared through the roof Tuesday. Shop owners and managers cited customer concerns about home defense related to the COVID-19 pandemic. ‘We were closed Monday, but when we opened Tuesday it was like Christmas,’ said Nate Gerheim, manager of The Shooters Bench in West Deer. ‘It’s mostly handguns, 9mm and .45 caliber, but shotguns and some AR-15s, too. Mostly home defense weapons.’” According to the Post-Gazette, “The Pittsburgh spike reflected nationwide firearms sales that The Associated Press referred to as a ‘buying frenzy’ fueled by consumer concerns that as COVID-19 cases increase people were becoming desperate and unpredictable, leading homeowners to ensure they can protect themselves.”

Coronavirus Pandemic Testing US Criminal Justice System

[CNN](#) (3/17, Scannell, Shortell, Perez, Orden) reports, “The US criminal justice system is being tested as prosecutors and lawyers try to find the balance between the constitutional rights of defendants, the rights of victims and the uncertainties that come with a virus that public health officials are still trying to understand and contain.” CNN adds, “The virus’ impact on the courts still an unknown, Justice Department officials have begun discussing what to do about it and whether delays in bringing charges or trials could trigger constitutional issues, according to a department official. One of the concerns, is the expiration of statute of limitations in certain investigations – for many federal crimes, prosecutors have years to bring charges against a criminal defendant – and the Constitutional right for defendants to have a speedy trial. To clear how many cases could be affected by those concerns, the official said.”

Police In Spain Using Drones To Warn People About Being Outside During Coronavirus Shuto

[Popular Mechanics](#) (3/17, Linder) reports, “Despite public health officials recommending social distancing poli governments outright banning large events and shuttering businesses to stop the spread of COVID-19, some people listening. To keep people indoors, Spanish authorities are using drones, mounted with microphones, to scold people self-quarantining.” Popular Mechanics adds, “On Saturday evening, Spain officially placed its citizens on lockdown,” ; to keep these people inside, and to prevent exponential spreading of the virus, Spanish authorities are using speake drones to find and promptly yell at people still congregating in the streets.”

Coronavirus In Detention Facilities A Concern For Law Enforcement, Public Defenders

[Reuters](#) (3/17, Pierson, Wolfe) reports public defenders in some parts of the US have been pushing “to keep c awaiting trial out of jails” during the coronavirus pandemic. This “comes as law enforcement officials debate how to spread of the coronavirus among the millions of people in jails, prisons, immigrant detention centers, and other faci the country.” One judge in New York City was so concerned about that possibility that he recently refused “to jail a r was under house arrest, even though the defendant had failed drug tests while awaiting trial for possession of methamphetamine.”

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CRIME & DRUGS

Three Texas Men Charged In Meth Trafficking Probe

[KSLA-TV](#) Shreveport, LA (3/17) reports from Marshall, Texas, “Three men are facing federal drug and firearm c East Texas.” Danny Brian Hernandez, 27, Ronald Charles Parker, 31, and Armando Ivan De La Torre, 24, “all of Marsh charged with one count of conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine, 13 counts of possession with intent to distril methamphetamine and one count of carrying a firearm during a drug offense. Authorities took the trio into custody 17. If convicted – they face up to life in federal prison.” KSLA-TV adds, “This case is the result of a joint investigation Federal Bureau of Investigation, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives; Texas Department of Public Sa Marshall Police Department and Harrison County Sheriff’s Office.”

State Charges Dropped Against Reputed New York MS-13 Leader As Federal Prosecutors Step

[Newsday \(NY\)](#) (3/17, Murphy) reports, “A local judge has dropped charges against the MS-13 gang’s alleged E leader at the request of the Nassau district attorney’s office, according to court records,” and “now Nassau prosecut

on federal authorities in Maryland to prosecute Miguel Angel Corea Diaz after accusations that he conspired on Long Branch, New Jersey, to commit murder and was a major drug trafficker.” According to Newsday, “Acting State Supreme Court Justice Howard L. Wechsler dismissed the New York indictment last week. It happened after a Nassau prosecutor cited an overlap of allegations and potential for a mandatory life sentence for Corea Diaz, 37, of Long Branch, New Jersey, in the case of a conviction on federal charges. The office of Nassau District Attorney Madeline Singas...now also says that exposing witnesses and a trial in Mineola could have weakened the federal case.”

Police Say Maryland Man Killed During Raid Had Booby-Trapped Door

The [Washington Post](#) (3/17, Morse) reports, “A 21-year-old Maryland man fatally shot during a police raid at his home last week had booby-trapped a door to his bedroom and had ‘possession of a rifle’ during the incident, Montgomery County officials said Tuesday. The booby-trap device was designed to ‘detonate a shotgun shell at the direction of anyone entering the bedroom, police said as they released new details about the encounter.” According to the Post, “The officers did not see the door during the raid, police said.” Officials “also offered more details of why they said the aggressive SWAT unit was warranted – specifically that the target of their search, Duncan Socrates Lemp, was believed to be in possession of a weapon and other weapons despite a criminal history in juvenile court that prohibited him from legally possessing firearms.”

TECHNOLOGY

Artists Group Paint Faces To Protest London Facial Surveillance Cameras

[BBC News Online \(UK\)](#) (3/18) reports, “A group of artists called the Dazzle Club paint their faces for monthly protests against surveillance in London.” BBC News adds, “Facial recognition cameras were rolled out by the Metropolitan Police for the first time in early 2020 and have been trialed in other places around the UK. The Met said it would not comment on whether the make-up technique works but said the facial recognition technology was helping officers track down wanted suspects.”

GLOBAL SECURITY

Manchester Bomber’s Brother Found Guilty Of 22 Counts Of Murder

The [New York Times](#) (3/17, Magra) reports that a British jury has convicted Hashem Abedi, “the brother of a suspected bomber who killed 22 people at an Ariana Grande concert in Manchester in 2017, finding him guilty on all 22 counts for his role in planning and executing the attack.” Hashem Abedi’s brother, Salman, “detonated a vest laden with explosives, killing children, teenagers, and parents waiting to pick them up after Ms. Grande’s concert at Manchester Arena in Manchester, England.” Hashem Abedi was found guilty of “all of the murder charges, along with one count of attempted murder and one count of conspiracy to cause an explosion.” He “had pleaded not guilty to all 24 counts, but he offered no evidence during six weeks of proceedings, stopped participating in the trial and, ultimately, stopped attending.”

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POLICING & POLICY

New York Police Department Releases Guidance On Use Of Facial Recognition Technology

The [New York Daily News](#) (3/13, Parascandola) reports, “Cops can use facial recognition software to identify suspects – but any match is ‘merely a lead’ and not probable cause that someone is connected to a crime, NYPD Commissioner Dermot Shea said Friday. ‘It is our responsibility to ensure investigators are equipped with effective technologies to identify suspects to New Yorkers who have been victimized,’ Shea said in a news release announcing a new facial recognition policy that has been added to the department’s Patrol Guide.” The Daily News adds, “Under the new Patrol Guide regulation, facial recognition technology ‘must only be used for legitimate law enforcement purposes.’ Those purposes include identifying someone who the police believe ‘has committed, is committing, or is about to commit a crime,’ including someone involved in a terror plot or a ‘threat to health or public safety.’ Investigators can also use it to identify a dead person, someone incapacitated and unable to identify themselves, or someone under arrest and does not have valid ID.”

Police Departments Face Recruitment Pressures

[Full Measure](#) (3/13) reports, “Highly-publicized cases of police killing suspects have transformed the way many view law enforcement. It is a profession under attack. We set out to find how that may be impacting police agencies nationwide. A month long Full Measure investigation produced some alarming results. We found the backlash is making it harder for police agencies nationwide to hire and keep good officers that protect communities. And it’s forcing police agencies to change how they recruit, who they hire, and how much they pay,” and “for those who pass the test the biggest challenge might be navigating the social landscape in a profession under attack.” The IACP “just released a new survey ‘State of Recruitment: A Crisis in Law Enforcement.’ It found recruiting problems are ‘widespread’ and affecting ‘agencies of all types, both large and small throughout the United States.’” IACP President Steven Casstevens is quoted saying, “There’s been a fair amount of recruitment pressure, specifically in social media, pointed against law enforcement in the last several years. So we’d be foolish to think that’s not an issue that may steer some qualified candidates into a different career.”

Connecticut State Police Ease Anti-Tattoo Policy

The [Hartford \(CT\) Courant](#) (3/16, Leavenworth) reports, “State police have loosened their policy on tattoos — acknowledging along with many of their municipal counterparts — that more young applicants with unblemished resumes are being rejected. ‘We’ve realized that it’s now becoming more culturally acceptable, and we don’t want to lose out on individuals who are very good troopers just because of a tattoo,’ state police spokeswoman Trooper Christine Jeltema said. ‘We want to be more inclusive.’” The Courant adds, “With limited exceptions, state police still prohibit visible tattoos, but statistics show that

excluding applicants with body art would shut out a wide demographic of young people. Nearly four in 10 millennials born from 1981-96, have at least one tattoo, according to a Pew Research Center report. Those in the previous generation, Generation X, are not far behind, with 32% inked, while only 15 percent of Baby Boomers (1946-64) said they have a tattoo, according to the report.”

Australian Police Suspend Random Breath Testing Over Coronavirus Concerns

[7 News \(AUS\)](#) (3/16, Chapman) reports, “Static Random Breath Testing will be suspended in several states due to concerns police officers could be exposed to coronavirus.” According to 7 News, “New South Wales, Victoria and Queensland’ police services will pause roadside breath tests immediately and indefinitely. The drastic move comes as the number of confirmed cases surpasses 300 nationwide. ‘With the devices in a stationary RBT set up, police could be testing 50,000 people over and over again,’ Police Association President Tony King told 7NEWS. ‘This is about keeping people safe.’” The report adds, “Police have stressed that the new measure is not a green light for people to drink and drive. Officers will still stop drivers they suspect may be drunk behind the wheel.”

Colorado Law Enforcement Making Fewer Low-Level Crime Arrests To Avoid Introducing Coronavirus Into Jails

The [Denver Post](#) (3/16, Schmelzer) reports, “Law enforcement in Denver and Boulder are limiting the number of people they arrest on low-level crimes to minimize the risk of introducing the new coronavirus into the jails.” According to the report, “The change comes as jails across the state are working to prevent the introduction of COVID-19 into facilities where social distancing and some basic steps to prevent contracting the virus are difficult. Law enforcement agencies are tasked with maintaining public safety while also protecting the health of inmates and jails’ staff.” The Post adds, “Denver police are defaulting to issuing summons instead of arresting people suspected of low-level, non-violent property and drug crime.” Pazen said in an interview Monday. ‘We don’t want to unnecessarily introduce infection in the (Downtown Detention) the county jail for a low-level crime,’ Pazen said. ‘We want to use good judgment to reduce risk and reduce exposure’

US Attorney General Tells Prosecutors To Prioritize Probes Of Coronavirus Exploitation

[CNN](#) (3/16, Shortell) reports that Attorney General Barr “directed federal prosecutors on Monday to prioritize investigations of fraudsters and hackers exploiting the coronavirus pandemic.” CNN adds, “In a memo sent to US attorneys nationwide, Barr cited reports of fake cures for the virus being sold online and email scams from people posing as police officials as crimes that ‘cannot be tolerated.’ ‘The pandemic is dangerous enough without wrongdoers seeking to exploit public panic and this sort of conduct cannot be tolerated,’ Barr wrote. ‘It is essential that the Department of Justice be vigilant in detecting, investigating, and prosecuting wrongdoing related to the crisis.’” Barr “also wrote that the ‘critical mission of the Justice Department will continue as the virus spreads and shuts down other pillars of American society. ‘We want to ensure that the Department’s law enforcement functions operate effectively during this outbreak. It is vital that we work to safeguard our justice system and thus the safety and security of our nation,’ Barr said.”

Gun Retailers See Sales Surge Amid Coronavirus Outbreak

The [AP](#) (3/16, Pane) reports, “Just as grocery stores have been stripped bare by Americans panicked by coronavirus, guns and ammunition have started flying off the shelves.” Retailers “say the buying frenzy is being fueled by consumers who are worried that people are becoming so desperate and unpredictable, they need to ensure they can protect themselves.” “specific data on the size of the sales spike will not be available until next month...already this year, background checks have increased considerably over last year.” According to FBI data, “just over 5.5 million background checks were conducted in January and February combined.”

The [New York Times](#) (3/16, Oppel) reports, “Some dealers said an unusually high proportion of sales have been from first-time gun buyers.” The Times adds, “Some major law enforcement agencies said they had not seen any sharp rise in gun sales in recent weeks. Data from the F.B.I. show a sizable increase in background checks for gun purchases since the outbreak.”

year, though other factors, such as the national political campaign and gun control efforts by some state legislatures in Virginia, could also be driving them.” According to the Times, “Checks through the F.B.I. system leapt 36 percent in February compared to the same month last year, to a total of 2.8 million nationally – the largest year-over-year percentage increase in a month since July 2016 (another presidential election year). The agency processed more background checks in February than it had done in all but two other months since it started performing the queries in the late 1990s.”

[USA Today](#) (3/16, Brown) reports on “a growing wave of Americans who are going to retailers, pawnshops and gun stores to purchase guns and ammunition in the wake of COVID-19, which had killed more than 60 people in the U.S. as of 5 p.m. on Tuesday afternoon. As hysteria surrounding the illness drives some to stockpile groceries and toilet paper in case they’re quarantined, it’s also causing many to worry about a shortage of gun supplies, which is driving up demand and leading to long lines at stores. USA Today adds, “As frenzied stockpiling stripped gun specialty stores of inventory, more people also went online to purchase gun supplies in recent weeks. Online ammunition retailer Ammo.com witnessed an exponential increase in sales since late January, which the company attributes to public worry surrounding coronavirus.”

South Dakota To Provide New Radio System For First Responders

The [AP](#) (3/16) reports from Sioux Falls, South Dakota, “South Dakota Gov. Kristi Noem on Monday signed legislation that will kick in over \$6.4 million to state programs including a new radio system for first responders and several new programs at state universities.” The AP adds, “The biggest-ticket item was \$5.1 million for the radio system upgrade, a request Noem made for legislators back in December. It will help upgrade the radio system used by police, firefighters and emergency medical technicians. The old system is from 2003, according to the governor. The legislation includes an emergency clause that allows the funds to be used immediately.”

UK Officials Give Green Light To Electric Scooters On Public Roads

[The Guardian \(UK\)](#) (3/16, Hern) reports, “Electric scooters will be allowed on public roads for the first time under a new Department for Transport proposal which will consult on the rules required to allow the new technology to operate on public roads, the government has announced.” According to the Guardian, “The legalisation of e-scooters is just one proposal in a wider plan to enable a “transport revolution”, which also involves projects to trial medical deliveries to the Isle of Wight using autonomous drones, and a test of self-driving cars between Bristol and Bath,” but “the scooters, which are already in widespread use across the UK, will initially only be allowed in four ‘future transport zones’: Portsmouth and Southampton; the West of England Combined Authority (WECA); Derby and Nottingham; and the West Midlands. The transport secretary, Grant Shapps, said the emerging technologies were ‘ripping up the rule book’. He continued: ‘Our groundbreaking future of transport programme marks the biggest review of transport laws in a generation and will pave the way for exciting new transport technology to be tested, cementing the UK’s position as a world-leading innovator.’”

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CRIME & DRUGS

More Than 200 Explosive Devices Found In Ohio Home

The [Galion \(OH\) Inquirer](#) (3/16, Kent) reports from Shelby, Ohio, “More than 200 explosive devices were found in a man’s home Wednesday.” The FBI, “along with ATF officials notified the Richland County Sheriff’s Office of materials purchased to make a dangerous ordnance at 5802 State Route 39 West, Shelby. Deputies – along with agents from ATF – encountered Benjamin Brubach upon arrival at the residence about 2 p.m. Several containers were found inside the residence containing explosive powder along with end caps, fuses and glue to make the dangerous ordnances. Several explosives were already made, ranging from 2-6 inches. There were roughly 215 devices ready to be detonated.” Brubach “was arrested and charged with Unlawful Possession of Dangerous Ordnance, a second degree felony and taken to the Richland County Jail.”

UK Police Charge Another Man In Vietnamese Truck Deaths

[Reuters](#) (3/16) reports from London, “British police said on Monday they had charged another man as part of an investigation into the deaths of 39 Vietnamese migrants found dead in the back of a truck near London last year.” Valerio Calota, 37, “will appear at Basildon Magistrates’ Court near London on Monday charged with facilitating illegal immigration between May 2018 and Oct 2019. The victims, who included two 15-year-old boys, were discovered in October in the back of a container on an industrial estate in Grays in Essex, about 20 miles (32 km) east of London.” According to Reuters, “An autopsy concluded that the provisional cause of death was a combination of hypoxia – oxygen deprivation – and hyperthermia – overheating – in an enclosed space.”

Law Enforcement Investigating Virginia Shooting

The [Richmond \(VA\) Times-Dispatch](#) (3/16, Times-Dispatch) reports that the FBI “is offering a reward of up to \$100,000 for information leading to the identification, arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible for the Feb. 1 fatal shooting of 3-year old Sharmar Hill Jr. outside his Richmond home.” The FBI “said Monday that a car seen leaving the area matched the description of a vehicle taken in a carjacking the day before from a Lyft driver in the 2600 block of Berwyn Street.” The FBI’s Richmond’s Central Virginia Violent Crimes Task Force “is assisting the Richmond Police Department in the investigation.”

Four Idaho Residents Face Drug Charges After Multi-Agency Operation

The [Idaho State Journal](#) (3/16, Harris) reports, “A federal grand jury recently indicted” Idaho residents Trevor / Debra J. Trujillo, Jesse W. Kirby and Robert J. Winterholler, who face “drug-related crimes, including conspiring to possess and distribute over 500 grams of methamphetamine.” Idaho State Police Lt. Clint Skinner, “who is also the B task force commander for the Oregon-Idaho High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area,” said, “This is definitely a significant reaching case for East Idaho.”

OFFICER SAFETY & WELLNESS

IACP President Speaks Out About Officers’ Mental Health

The [Buffalo Grove \(IL\) Countryside](#) (3/16, Owens-Schiele) reports, “Buffalo Grove Police Chief Steven Casstevens, who serves as head of an international police chiefs association, testified about officer safety and wellness at the recent Presidential Commission on Law Enforcement.” Casstevens “drew attention to police officer suicide prevention during his remarks in Miami. ‘In the last three years, the rate of reported suicides for law enforcement officers has continued to rise and the number of line of duty deaths, with 228 officer suicides reported in 2019 alone,’ Casstevens said in his remarks to the commission. ‘The panel was held in conjunction with the IACP Officer Safety and Wellness Symposium which took place from February 27-29 in Miami, Florida. Casstevens said there were 128 officers killed in the line of duty last year. ‘Speaking about the stressors we face on a daily basis helps normalize the conversation around mental health in our field. We have too many of our own to suicide and we must continue expanding our definition of officer safety to place equal emphasis on mental wellness,’ he said.” Casstevens, “who also serves as president of the International Association of Chiefs of Police, made officer mental health and wellness one of his initiatives and he’s looking for the funding to create programs to help these officers, he said.”

TECHNOLOGY

Police In Spain Use Drones To Keep People Inside During Coronavirus Lockdown

The [Independent \(UK\)](#) (3/16, Lovett) reports, “Spanish police are using drones to keep people inside their homes as authorities attempt to tackle the country’s coronavirus outbreak.” According to the Independent, “With 294 deaths and over 8,000 cases of infection as of Monday, Spain is Europe’s worst-hit country after Italy. On Saturday, the government declared a state of emergency that bans citizens from leaving their home, except for buying essential supplies and medicines, for medical care to assist the elderly and others in need.” The Independent adds, “All schools, restaurants, bars, sports venues and community centres have been ordered to close, extending measures that various regional authorities had taken in recent days, and public gatherings are also forbidden. As part of efforts to maintain restrictions, police in Madrid have been deploying drones in public areas, such as Buen Retiro Park, to urge people to return to their homes.”

New System Allows Texting To 911 In Toronto

[CBCL-FM](#) (3/16, Brockbank) reports, “In the next year or so in Toronto, you’ll be able to text 911 responders will be able to better pinpoint where you are if you do.” The new system “is part of a modernization effort by Toronto police, fire and paramedic services to meet the standards of a next-generation 911 system. ‘It’s the first major advancement in 911 technology more or less since they started the three-digit number,’ said Toronto Police Supt. Hugh Ferguson. ‘The reality is that the system was designed decades ago when the phone was on the wall or a desk.’” CBCL adds, “All 911 service providers across the country have been mandated by the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) to change from an analog, landline-based system, to a fully digital one that operates on an IP network by June 2023.”

Sources Of Falsehoods Spread Online Elude Authorities

The [Washington Post](#) (3/16, Timberg, Nakashima, Romm) reports, “Misleading text messages claiming that Pr

Trump was going to announce a national quarantine buzzed into cellphones across the country over the weekend, and how rapidly false claims are spreading – and how often it is happening beyond the familiar misinformation vehicles and Twitter.” According to the Post, “The false texts spread so widely that on Sunday night the White House’s National Security Council, fearing the texts were an attempt to spook the stock market as it opened Monday, decided to directly debunk the misleading claims in a Twitter post: ‘Text message rumors of a national #quarantine are FAKE. There is no national quarantine.’” But “by then the messages already had spread widely, as had similar ones both in the United States and Europe in recent days. Text messages, encrypted communication apps such as WhatsApp and some social media platforms have carried similar alarming misinformation, much of it with the apparent goal of spurring people to overrun stores to buy basic items in anticipation of a new wave of government restrictions.”

Massachusetts Towns Face Cybersecurity Challenges

[Government Technology](#) (3/16) reports towns across Massachusetts confront an array of cybersecurity challenges as they slowly improve IT infrastructure to defend against attacks. Instead of personal computers, Millis town employees rely on hardware called thin clients, which are less vulnerable to hackers.” More of the town’s business “is being conducted in the cloud, where data is easier to restore after an attack.” Servers “are being replaced, software is being updated.” Like Millis, many communities in MetroWest and the Milford area “are readying their information technology systems for cyberattacks that put taxpayer money and information at risk.” Because towns and cities “have different populations, different organizational structures and therefore different IT needs, experts are wary of estimating the dollar figure for the cost to run a competent IT department.”

GLOBAL SECURITY

Suspects In 2015 Paris Terrorist Attacks Ordered To Stand Trial

[BBC News Online \(UK\)](#) (3/16) reports, “French prosecutors have ordered 20 people to stand trial over the November 13 Paris attacks claimed by the Islamic State (IS) group.” BBC News adds, “The suspects have been charged with terrorism offenses over the coordinated shootings and bombings. They are accused of helping to organize or fund the attacks, or assist in fleeing, prosecutors said.” Salah Abdeslam, “the only suspected attacker to survive, is among those to face trial. The trial was announced by prosecutors on Monday, ending a long-running investigation into the attacks. The attacks happened on the night of 13 November 2015 in locations across the French capital.”

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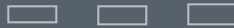
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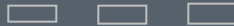
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POLICING & POLICY

Top UK Law Enforcement Official Calls For Law On Police Use Of AI

[Reuters](#) (2/24, Howcroft) reports, "Britain's most senior police officer on Monday called on the government to create a legal framework for police use of new technologies such as artificial intelligence." According to Reuters, "Speaking at a conference on facial recognition, which police in London started using in January, London police chief Cressida Dick said that she was disappointed the government's 2019 manifesto pledge to create a legal framework for the police use of new technology like AI, biometrics and DNA. 'The best way to ensure that the police use new and emerging tech in a way that has the country's support is for the government to bring in an enabling legislative framework that is debated through Parliament, consulted on in public and that will outline the boundaries for how the police should or should not use tech,' Dick said. 'Give us the law and we'll work with it,' she added."

Virginia Senate Committee Approves Seven Of Eight Gun Control Bills After Amending Two

The [Washington Post](#) (2/24, Schneider) reports a Virginia state Senate committee on Monday "advanced seven of eight gun-control bills" advocated by Gov. Ralph Northam (D), "a week after killing a proposed assault weapons ban. The seven "were scaled back to help preserve support among more centrist members of the Democratic caucus, and an earlier version had already failed once on the floor of the Senate." The Post adds, "Democrats have made gun control the centerpiece of their legislative session" and "the House of Delegates passed all eight measures recommended by Northam."

Maryland Lawmakers Seek To Bar Police From Offering Sexual Assault Victims Waiver Forms

The [Baltimore Sun](#) (2/24, Knezevich) reports, "It was long a common practice among some Baltimore-area police departments: Offer sexual assault victims a waiver form to document that they didn't want to go forward with their case. Now some Maryland lawmakers want to ban police from using such waivers in sexual assault cases so that victims are not discouraged to report and prosecute the crimes." According to the Sun, "The state legislation would bar police from offering victims with forms that relieve law enforcement from 'an obligation to the victim,' define the scope of the investigation, or waive the victim's rights." Last year, the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) passed a resolution saying the group 'strongly discourages' the use of victim waiver forms, acknowledging that some investigators prematurely address the issue of prosecution with victims – and that victims of violent crime may have impaired their decision-making due to trauma."

Nassau County, New York Lawmakers Seek Data On Defendants Released Without Bail

[Newsday \(NY\)](#) (2/24, Eidler) reports, “Nassau legislators voted Monday night to require the county police department to publish quarterly reports detailing crimes allegedly committed by defendants released without bail.” The legislation is a response to a new state criminal justice law that took effect Jan. 1. The law eliminated cash bail for people charged with misdemeanors and nonviolent felonies.” The bill “was approved Feb. 10 by legislative committees. The vote Monday passed 19-0.” Newsday adds, “In the quarterly reports, the police department will have to provide specific data about defendants released without bail. The reports will be sent to the Nassau legislature by May 1, Aug. 1, Nov. 1, and Feb. 1.”

Rhode Island Governor Expects To Sign Ban On 3D, “Ghost” Guns

The [AP](#) (2/24) reports that Rhode Island Gov. Gina Raimondo “said Monday she plans to sign legislation to ban assault weapons and so-called ghost guns that are untraceable.” The General Assembly “is expected to soon send the legislation to...Raimondo for her consideration.” The state Senate “passed the bill in January to ban 3D guns. The House passed the legislation earlier this month. Raimondo said she supports the House version. The Senate plans to amend its bill to require measures “would ban military-style assault weapons, high-capacity magazines and ban guns in schools.”

New York State Police Plan Body Camera Pilot Program

The [AP](#) (2/24, Tarinelli) reports, “New York State Police say they plan to go forward with a body camera pilot program for state troopers, a move that would change the agency’s status as one of the few primary state law enforcement agencies in the nation without body or dashboard cameras.” The AP adds, “Kevin Bruen, first deputy superintendent of the New York State Police, disclosed the plan for a pilot program Monday at the state Capitol. He did not provide details of the plan, such as how many troopers will receive the devices and how much money the pilot program might cost.”

IACP From Header

Registration for the IACP’s **Enhancing Rural Law Enforcement Response to Violence Against Women** training in Winona, Minnesota is now open. The no-cost training is designed with the unique characteristics of rural law enforcement in mind while providing participants information and tools to strengthen the response to crimes of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and strangulation. The event is being held **April 21st & 22nd, 2020** at Winona State University.

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Longtime Oro Valley, Arizona Police Chief Retires

[KGUN-TV](#) (2/22) Tucson, AZ reports from Oro Valley, Arizona, “A survey called Oro Valley the safest city in Arizona. The police chief who spent twenty years securing that honor is retiring.” KGUN-TV “talked with retiring Chief Danny ... and Oro Valley’s incoming chief about how crime – and crime prevention have changed.” According to KGUN-TV, “In Sha

years as chief, Oro Valley has grown by fifty percent from a small bedroom community to a diverse combination of residential and commercial – and Chief Sharp has grown its reputation as a safe place to live and work. Achieving that has required fighting to evolve, as crime has evolved. Looking back on 20 years with Oro Valley on top of 21 years with Tucson Police Chief Sharp remembers how he worked to build people-oriented community policing. He says it's an old-fashioned person of the cop on the beat but adapted to modern times. 'It's like technology has changed a lot of things. Social media has changed things, the ability to scam and to do things, certainly the crime has changed just with the sophistication of the crook

CRIME & DRUGS

Authorities Say South Carolina Woman Found Hiding In Woods Had Been Drugged, Kidnapped

The [Columbia \(SC\) State](#) (2/24, Feit) reports, "A woman escaped from a home where she was drugged and held for a week, and was found hiding in the woods in below-freezing temperatures, the Kershaw County Sheriff's Office said Monday. The North Carolina woman was found near a home on Wildwood Lane in Elgin, the sheriff's office said Monday. The resident told deputies the woman was hiding in her backyard, according to the release." The woman "told deputies she had been dropped off at a home on Smyrna Road by her boyfriend. He owed money to a resident, Demetrius Ramey McIlwain, according to the release. After being left at the home, the woman told deputies she was drugged and locked in for more than a week, the sheriff's office said." The woman "was able to escape the house Friday, and hid in a wooded area where temperatures were in the mid 20-degree range, before being found, according to the release."

"DC Sniper" Malvo Withdraws Supreme Court Appeal After Virginia Passes Parole For Juveniles

The [New York Times](#) (2/24, Liptak) reports the Supreme Court, "which heard arguments in October about the case of the men who terrorized the Washington region in the fall of 2002 with deadly sniper attacks, has been asked not to hear the case after all." Saying that a new Virginia law, "rendered the case effectively moot," attorneys for the man, Lee Malvo, and prosecutors in Virginia submitted a letter to the court on Monday asking the justices to dismiss his case." A Supreme Court decision would not have necessarily helped Malvo, since he has received a separate sentence for murders in Virginia and could face charges in other states, "but scores of other inmates who committed murders before they turned 18 and obtained new sentences had the court ruled for Mr. Malvo."

The [Washington Post](#) (2/24, Jackman) reports "there are more than 700 inmates in Virginia who were juveniles sentenced to adult prisons. Of those, 233 would be eligible for parole in the next six years, according to the Virginia Department of Corrections, including Malvo."

Four Jailed In Bust Of UK Human-Smuggling Operation

The [Guardian \(UK\)](#) (2/24, Morris) reports, "Four men have been jailed over a people-smuggling operation in which 17 Vietnamese nationals, including 17 children, were crammed into a dilapidated yacht and transported from France to the UK. The Guardian adds, "Astonished port workers in the fishing harbour of Newlyn phoned police as the Vietnamese men and teenagers were loaded into a windowless van and driven away. Officers tracked the van and intercepted it on the motorway in Devon more than 100 miles away." According to the Guardian, "All except one of the adults subsequently returned to their home countries and police fear they may have fallen into the hands of organised crime groups and could be being forced to tend cars or work in the sex industry. Some of the children are being cared for in the UK but others have also disappeared."

Mexico On Track To Boost Extradition Of Criminal Suspects To US This Year

The [New York Times](#) (2/24, Semple) reports, "The Mexican government is on track to dramatically increase the number of extraditions of criminal suspects to the United States this year, as the Trump administration has pressured Mexico to fight against organized crime." So far in 2020, "the government already has extradited at least 30 suspects to the United States compared to 58 for all of 2019, 69 in 2018, and 57 in 2017. The Times adds that Mexican President Andrés Manuel López Obrador "has struggled to show gains in his government's effort to rein in organized crime." Attorney General Barr has

Mexico twice “for bilateral meetings with the Mexican authorities.”

GLOBAL SECURITY

Man Arrested After Exhibiting Suspicious Behavior At Pentagon

The [Washington Times](#) (2/24, Wolfgang) reports, “A man was arrested after ‘acting suspiciously’ in a Pentagon Monday and is now being questioned by the FBI, military officials said.” The man was “approached by Pentagon security about 10:45 on Monday morning and then fled the area, spurring a chase through nearby Arlington National Cemetery. According to officials, “authorities have searched the Pentagon’s north parking lot and all surrounding vehicles and the area is now considered safe.”

The [Military Times](#) (2/24, Myers) reports, “The man did not have any sort of explosive device when an officer approached him around 10:45 a.m., a Defense official told Military Times, contrary to a report earlier in the day by the Washington Times. Moments after the officer approached the individual, he fled on foot across Route 27 and into Arlington National Cemetery,’ Defense Department spokeswoman Sue Gough said in a statement. ‘He was apprehended at approximately 11:30 a.m. thanks to a collaborative law enforcement effort by the Pentagon Police, Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall Police, U.S. Army and Arlington County Police.’”

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Florida Nonprofit Teaches Law Enforcement, Educators How To Spot Potential Online Threats

[WSVN-TV](#) Miami-Dade, FL (2/20, Linsalata) reported from Coral Springs, Florida, "Threats posted on social media at schools are becoming more and more common, and police officers and school officials are being trained to spot the threats with the hopes of preventing another tragedy." According to WSVN-TV, "Non-profit organization Stand with Parkland gave a workshop on Thursday to teach educators and law enforcement how to spot the online threats. '[It's] not to incarcerate anybody, not to profile anybody. It's to identify those that need help and then get them the help they need,' said Tony Montalto, whose daughter, Gina Montalto, was in the Parkland shooting." WSVN-TV adds, "A workshop at Coral Springs Police's headquarters was held up to help adults who often do not know the ins and outs of all the different social media networks. Experts said that social media is a huge component in spotting threats. They also encourage students that if they see a concerning post or message, they should say something, so that child can get help."

Supreme Court To Soon Rule On Nonunanimous Felony Convictions

The [New York Times](#) (2/23, Williams) reports that Oregon is "the only state that still permits convictions in many cases where one or two jurors disagree," and now "the Supreme Court is weighing the constitutionality of nonunanimous verdicts," though that case concerns "a murder conviction from Louisiana, which permitted split verdicts until two years ago when voters overturned the law." Oregon Attorney General Ellen Rosenblum (D) "says she fears that swiftly ending nonunanimous jury verdicts could lead to legal chaos." She said, "Reinterpreting federal constitutional requirements could call into question thousands of settled criminal cases, and could require new trials in hundreds, if not thousands, of cases."

Tennessee County Trains Children As Young As Six To Reverse An Overdose

The [New York Times](#) (2/23, Levin) reports that Carter County, Tennessee "has been struck hard by an opioid crisis that has ravaged families and reshaped how a generation of young people are being raised." Since 2014, nearly 60 people have died from overdoses in the county, "where 56,000 people live in a cluster of small cities and rural towns. ... That year, 8.1 million prescriptions were written in Tennessee, more than the state's population of about 6.5 million." County health officials

“embraced a practical – if radical – strategy for stemming the tide of addiction: Teaching children as young as 6 how an overdose.” The county’s drug prevention coalition has, in the past three years, “given Narcan training to an estimated 10,000 young children and teenagers in after-school programs, babysitting classes and vaping cessation courses.”

Amtrak Shifts Police Officers From Stations To Trains To Increase Security Presence

The [Washington Post](#) (2/21, Lazo) reports that “in response to an increase in crime on board” trains, Amtrak has shifted “many of its police officers from stations to trains to bolster their visibility.” According to the story, the decision “is part of an overhaul of the railroad system’s strategy, which in the past year included ramping up security along the Northeast Corridor and a restructuring of its police force, which is responsible for the safety and security of 32.5 million passengers.” Amtrak Vice President and Chief Administrative Officer DJ Stadtler said in a statement, “We really focused on getting more officers in front of people, which is the number one way we can increase safety. That was and continues to be our focus.” The article also mentions that despite some increases in petty crimes on Amtrak “in recent years,” the crime rate on Amtrak “overall was down last year compared with 2018.”

New Jersey Court Rules County Did Not Violate Law By Using Civilians To Monitor Wiretap

The [Vineland \(NJ\) Daily Journal](#) (2/21, Woolston) reported a three-judge panel of the state Superior Court found that Burlington County Prosecutor’s Office’s use of civilians to monitor wiretaps in a 2015 drug trafficking investigation did not violate the state’s wiretap law.” Two defendants in the case contended “the state’s use of civilians, contracted by the federal Bureau of Enforcement Administration and sworn in by the county prosecutor as ‘special county investigators’ to monitor the wiretaps violated New Jersey law.”

Florida Law Bans Homeowners Associations From Prohibiting Police Vehicles

The [AP](#) (2/22) reported, “Homeowners associations in Florida are now explicitly prevented from banning marital law enforcement vehicles from parking in their neighborhoods.” Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis “signed a bill Friday that protects law enforcement vehicles from HOA rules. The legislation (SB 476) passed unanimously in the House and Senate earlier this month.” Lawmakers “filed the bill last fall after a Clearwater police officer was told by her HOA that she could no longer assign a patrol vehicle in her driveway.” Homeowners associations “can prohibit commercial vehicles from parking in their neighborhoods, though a 2005 opinion from the Florida Attorney General’s Office states that a law enforcement vehicle is not a commercial vehicle.”

Kentucky Governor Signs Bill Requiring Arming Of School Officers

The [AP](#) (2/21, Schreiner) reported that Kentucky Gov. Andy Beshear “signed legislation Friday to require that law enforcement officers carry weapons when assigned to provide security at schools.” According to the AP, “The measure has strong bipartisan support in the legislature. It’s a follow-up to last year’s sweeping school safety law stemming from a school shooting in Kentucky. ‘I simply cannot ask a school resource officer to stop an armed gunman entering a school without them having the ability to not only achieve this mission but also to protect themselves,’ the governor told reporters. ‘We need to be able to stop the worst of the worst.’” Beshear “repeated concerns that the bill’s supporters made for arming school officers that other law officers couldn’t respond quickly enough to a school shooting.” Beshear “said he considers the presence of law enforcement officers at schools as a potential deterrent.”

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Suspect Identified After Racist Graffiti Found At Maryland University

The [Washington Post](#) (2/21, Lumpkin) reported, "A suspect has been identified in connection with racist graffiti on a wall and a door in two academic buildings this week at Salisbury University, authorities said Friday." University President Charles A. Wight "canceled classes Thursday following the discovery of graffiti that threatened black students with harm." The incident at the public university on Maryland's Eastern Shore was reported to campus police, who worked with the local police to identify a suspect, according to a statement. Officials said they do not believe the individual is a member of the campus community. 'The racist threats scrawled on walls and doors in our academic buildings caused a great deal of fear among members of our community,' Wight said in a statement Friday. 'We hope that this significant development in the investigation helps to reassure the SU community and will rebuild our collective sense of security.'"

Arrests Made In Washington DC Robberies, Assaults

The [Washington Post](#) (2/22, Weil) reported that "two robberies were reported this month at Judiciary Square, a downtown Washington neighborhood that teems with armed law enforcement officers and appears an unlikely site for crime." The Post added, "The first robbery, according to D.C. police, was Feb. 6, in the 400 block of F Street NW, a street close to the Washington field office of the FBI, and not much farther from federal and local courthouses, the U.S. attorney for Washington and D.C. police headquarters. It occurred at about 6:15 a.m., the D.C. police said. They said that in a robbery, the victim was assaulted and taken to a hospital for treatment of nonlife threatening injuries." According to the Post, "Six days later, the police said, and about two blocks away, another victim was assaulted and robbed about 7:30 p.m. on a relatively unusual step, the FBI field office, which is at 4th and F Streets NW, issued a wanted poster in connection with the assaults and robberies."

Former NFL Players Arrested With Over 150 Pounds Of Marijuana

The [AP](#) (2/21) reported former Cleveland Browns offensive tackle Greg Robinson and former Indianapolis Colts wide receiver Jaquan Tyreke Bray "were set to walk free on bond Friday after federal agents say they caught them with over 150 pounds (68.04 kilograms) of marijuana." The men "could be sentenced to up to 20 years in federal prison." The AP said that FBI Enforcement Administration agents said in a criminal complaint filed Wednesday that Robinson, Bray and an unidentified person were hauling 157 pounds (71.21 kilograms) of marijuana through a remote section of West Texas en route from Los Angeles to Louisiana in an SUV."

TECHNOLOGY

Concern Reportedly Growing Over Difficulty 911 Operators Face Locating Callers From Mobile

The [Washington Post](#) (2/22, Kornfield) discussed the growing issue first responders face identifying the exact location of a victim calling 911 from a mobile phone. While “cities, including Washington, have partnered with technology companies to better their systems...law enforcement personnel and the wireless industry have struggled to find a solution.”

[CNN](#) (2/21, Hassan, Almasry) provided similar coverage.

GLOBAL SECURITY

New York Jewish Community Center Evacuated After Threat

The [AP](#) (2/23) reports from Albany, New York that the Albany Jewish Community Center “was evacuated and searched Sunday morning after it and several other centers around the country received anonymous emails with vague threats that mentioned a bomb, Gov. Andrew Cuomo said.” Cuomo “went to the Albany center after police evacuated about 100 people and searched the building with dogs and declared it safe.” The AP adds, “Similar vague threats were emailed to about 18 Jewish Community Centers around the country, according to Cuomo’s office,” and Cuomo “said the FBI is investigating where the threats originated. State Director of Emergency Management Michael Kopy said the emails were sent to people with Albany Community Center accounts, but he declined to specify which centers were targeted.”

[USA Today](#) (2/23, Arnold) reports, “A series of anonymous bomb threats was made against more than a dozen Jewish community centers across New York state, according to officials, who said the threats “were emailed to members of 18 JCC’s across the state.” Michael Kopy, New York’s director of emergency management, said that threats were sent to about 18 individuals. In Albany, “more than 100 people were evacuated from the JCC” on Sunday, as “state and Albany City Police searched the building.” USA Today adds, “No bomb was found but the facility remained closed.” Cuomo said, “There is a continuing threat all across this country.”

Germany Boosts Police Presence After Shooting Linked To Far-Right Extremism

The [Washington Post](#) (2/21, Morris, Beck) reported from Berlin, “Far-right extremism is the greatest threat to Germany, the country’s interior minister said on Friday, promising to step up police presence across the country following a deadly shooting attack targeting the immigrant community.” Interior Minister Horst Seehofer “said that special attention will be given to mosques and other ‘vulnerable’ institutions after Wednesday night attacks on two hookah bars in Hanau, east of Frankfurt.” According to the Post, “Nine people were killed in the attacks, with the 43-year-old gunman, Tobi Winterhagen, later found dead alongside his mother at home. The shootings marked the third right-wing terrorist attack in Germany in more than a year, following an attack on a politician in June and another that targeted a synagogue in October. ‘A trail of blood from right- right-wing extremism goes through our country to this day,’ Seehofer said in a joint news conference with other officials in Berlin.”

New Jersey Says State Faces “High” Level Of Threat From White Supremacist Violence

[The Hill](#) (2/22, Moreno) reported the New Jersey Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness (NJOHSP) has raised the threat level of white supremacist extremists from moderate to high, according to a report released by the state on Friday. “The change comes amid “increased rates of crimes linked to white supremacist groups, such as a New Jersey man allegedly conspired with members of a neo-Nazi network to vandalize synagogues in the Midwest.” According to the report, “The threat from white supremacist extremists is also high due to the number of threats, plots, and attacks in 2019.” The report adds, “In 2020, white supremacist extremists are likely to cite accelerationism as a motivation for future violent acts and recruitment efforts promoting extremist ideology continue throughout the State.” The report also gave “anarchist, a government, black separatist, militia and sovereign citizen extremists a moderate threat level,” with Islamic terrorism groups such as al Qaeda, Boko Haram, Hamas, Hezbollah and ISIS” receive a low threat level, “though the report said that ISIS’s international supporters in the U.S. ‘makes homegrown violent extremists a consistently high threat.’”

[NJ News](#) (2/21, Sherman) reported the Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness, “in its annual assessment report, said of the 44 domestic terrorist incidents reported in the United States last year, four had a nexus to New Jersey.”

According to the new assessment, white supremacist extremists will pose a high threat to New Jersey in 2020 “as such this ideology demonstrate their willingness and capability to carry out attacks, direct and inspire sympathizers online attempt to network globally.”

The [New York Post](#) (2/23, Brown) also reports.

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POLICING & POLICY

Wisconsin Bill To Prevent Sexual Assault Testing Delays Languishes

The [AP](#) (2/20) reports that “a proposal that began as a bipartisan effort to prevent future delays in the testing assault evidence kits in Wisconsin but that morphed into a partisan fight appears doomed in the Legislature.” The A “advocates for sexual assault victims, members of law enforcement and others had worked for years, first with form Republican Attorney General Brad Schimel and then his successor, Democrat Josh Kaul, on a measure that would pre backlogs in the testing of evidence kits.” The bill was introduced “and the Senate passed it with bipartisan support. I evaporated in the Assembly, where Republicans introduced a new version that had elements Democrats opposed.” reports “those would require police to notify immigration authorities if sexual assault defendants and convicts were country illegally and allow student victims to enter Wisconsin’s school choice programs.”

Idaho Bill To Reduce Mandatory Abuse Reporters Advances

The [AP](#) (2/20) reports that “a bill that would reduce the number of people required to report suspected child narrowly won approval from a panel of Idaho lawmakers.” The AP says that “currently, anyone in the state who sees child abuse, abandonment or neglect is required to report that evidence to law enforcement, and those who don’t c charged with a misdemeanor.” Meanwhile, “the legislation approved by the committee on Wednesday would remov requirement for most Idaho residents, leaving only teachers, doctors, law enforcement officials and social workers a reporters.”

New York Police To Remove DNA Profiles Of Non-Criminals From Database

The [New York Times](#) (2/20, Sandoval) reports that “for years, New York City has been amassing an immense l of DNA, collecting samples not just from people convicted of crimes, but from people simply arrested or questioned minors.” The Times says “the existence of the database, which has about 82,000 profiles, has drawn fire from civil lit

advocates.” Now, Police Commissioner Dermot F. Shea is “seeking to quell some of the criticism [and] has announce New York Police Department is overhauling its rules for collecting and using DNA evidence, which is stored by New York’s Chief Medical Examiner.” To start, “the police are going to audit a database of 32,000 samples collected from people suspected in criminal investigations and flag for removal any samples more than two years old that have not been linked to an ongoing investigation or conviction.”

State Lawmakers Around Country Mixed On Police Searches Of Genetic Databases

The [Stateline](#) (2/20) reports that while “some state lawmakers around the country are pushing to stop or restrict searches of genetic code databases,” others “want to make it even easier for police to use the technique, known as genetic genealogy, to catch criminals.” The issue underscores the “growing battle over digital privacy,” and the question of whether third parties should “have access to personal data people generate by using consumer technology” and whether “investigators be allowed to use the technique to solve all crimes, or only the most violent ones.” Survey data from the Pew Research Center show that “Americans are divided on whether police should use investigative genetic genealogy to solve crimes.”

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CRIME & DRUGS

Drugmakers Offer \$1B Legal Fund In Opioid Legislation

[Bloomberg](#) (2/20, Feeley) reports AmerisourceBergen, Cardinal Health, and McKesson have proposed paying \$1 billion in legal fees for states, cities and counties suing over the companies’ handling of the painkillers, according to sources familiar with the talks. “The companies say that the move “would free up more money for treatment and other social programs impacted by the U.S. opioid crisis,” said the sources. The distributors hope “the legal fee overture will garner more support from governmental entities for their offer to pay \$18 billion to resolve” lawsuits alleging they ignored “suspiciously large profits to reap billions in profits.” [Reuters](#) (2/20, Roy) also covers this story.

Feds Seek Sentence For Man Who Bought Rifle, Magazine Used By Dayton Mass-Shooter

[USA Today](#) (2/20, Grasha) reports that “prosecutors are seeking a prison sentence of approximately three years for a man who bought the assault-style rifle and 100-round magazine used by Connor Betts in last year’s mass shooting in Dayton, Ohio.” USA Today says “Ethan Kollie will forever be connected to the Aug. 4, 2019 shooting – even though he didn’t appear to have any ‘actual knowledge’ of Betts’ plans, prosecutors said in a sentencing memorandum.” Kollie “is scheduled to be sentenced on Thursday in federal court in Dayton.” Kollie “pleaded guilty in November to possession of a gun by a person who use

drugs and lying on a gun-purchasing form.”

TECHNOLOGY

Ohio’s Facial-Recognition Database To Get \$21.4 Million Update

The [Cleveland Plain Dealer](#) (2/20) reports that “the state of Ohio is spending \$21.4 million to revamp its contr facial-recognition software next year to better identify suspects and missing persons by matching their photos with driver’s license and mug-shot pictures, Attorney General Dave Yost announced Thursday.” The Plain Dealer says “the announcement came as a task force examining Ohio’s facial-recognition system recommended limiting use of facial-database to officials at the state Bureau of Criminal Investigation.” However, “the panel recommended – among oth that the FBI and other federal agencies should still be allowed to ask BCI to conduct photo searches on their behalf.”

Police Deploy Facial Recognition In London

The [Independent \(UK\)](#) (2/20) reports that London “police have deployed controversial facial recognition techr central London with just two hours’ notice, sparking privacy concerns.” A spokesperson said “the Metropolitan Polic live facial recognition (LFR) camera at Oxford Circus, a highly-trafficked area in the City of Westminster, late on Thurs morning” and it’s “due to remain there until the early afternoon.” The Independent says “the force has pushed forw plans to roll out facial recognition across London, despite the technology’s poor accuracy and fears that it comprom innocent people’s privacy.”

GLOBAL SECURITY

Terrorism Ruled Out In Stabbing At London Mosque

The [New York Times](#) (2/20, Santora, Yeginsu) reports that an attacker entered London Central Mosque during prayer on Thursday and “stabbed a 70-year-old prayer leader,” before being “subdued by worshipers and arrested o of attempted murder.” People who “attend the mosque regularly said they were familiar with the suspect, and the N Police said they were not treating the stabbing as an act of terrorism.” The [Washington Post](#) (2/20, Adam, Boc the victim’s injuries “are not life-threatening, police said.”

German Gunman Kills Nine People, Calls For Genocide

The [AP](#) (2/20) reports that “a German who shot and killed nine people of foreign background in a rampage th hookah bar frequented by immigrants had posted an online rant calling for the ‘complete extermination’ of many ‘ra cultures in our midst,’ authorities said Thursday.” German Chancellor Angela Merkel “said the attack exposed the ‘p racism in the country.” Meanwhile, “the gunman, Tobias Rathjen, 43, was found dead at his home along with his mo authorities said they were treating the rampage as an act of domestic terrorism.” Meanwhile, “Germany’s federal pr Peter Frank, said authorities are trying to find out whether there were others who knew of or supported the attack.’

ALSO IN THE NEWS

DHS To Allow Electronic Submission Of Documents For REAL ID

The [Washington Post](#) (2/20, Lazo) reports that in a letter sent to states Wednesday, Acting DHS Secretary Wolf states may start accepting documents for REAL ID applications electronically. Officials said this “will help expedite se departments of motor vehicles across the country,” where many agencies “are experiencing long lines and wait time scramble to issue new driver’s licenses and ID cards,” which will be needed to pass through airport security checkpo October 1. Wolf also said the agency is considering “other viable options to improve upon this process and continue everything it can to inform Americans on the requirement to obtain a REAL ID before the full enforcement deadline year.”

THURSDAY'S LEAD STORIES

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Washington State Senate Passes Facial Recognition Technology Restrictions

The [Seattle Times](#) (2/19) reports the Washington state Senate has approved legislation “that would begin regulate use of facial-recognition programs by local and state governments.” The measure “is one of a series of legislative proposals year to counter technology that is evolving fast, regulated little and all but opaque to most residents.”

Missouri House Advances Tough Carjacking Law

The [St. Louis Post-Dispatch](#) (2/19, Erickson) reports that the Missouri state House has passed a preliminary version to “define ‘vehicle hijacking’ in state statute.” The measure “defines vehicle hijacking offenses and outlines minimum sentences.” Sponsors of the measure say “current law leads to inconsistent sentences and makes the outcomes of criminal prosecutions harder to track.”

Georgia House Panel Clears Bill Allowing Carry Of Guns Into State

The [Atlanta Journal-Constitution](#) (2/19) reports a Georgia state House panel has passed “legislation that aims to allow anyone to bring their firearm into Georgia if he or she has a permit to carry a weapon.” The state currently operates reciprocity agreements with 32 states.

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CRIME & DRUGS

Chicago Detectives Clear 50-Year-Old Mob-Related Murder Case

The [Chicago Sun-Times](#) (2/19) reports, “Of the hundreds of murder cases cleared by Chicago detectives last year, the oldest one involved” Larry Stubitsch, a 29-year-old “loan shark who was killed in 1966 and was the partner of one of the city’s most fearsome mobsters in the city’s history.” Stubitsch “was shot to death outside Bistro A-Go-Go,” and “detectives believe he was killed by Richard ‘Dickie’ DeAngelo, an ex-Chicago cop who managed the bar and worked for a mobster who owned a bar business.”

Vancouver Police Seize Millions Worth Of Drugs From High-Rise Apartment

The [Vancouver \(CAN\) Sun](#) (2/19) reports police in Vancouver, British Columbia, “seized approximately \$200,000 worth of illicit drugs from an apartment in downtown Vancouver on Saturday.” Police and EMTs on a routine check “discovered two men in medical distress and spotted a large quantity of drugs and cash lying in plain view.”

Police Catch Florida Jewel Thieves Who Stalked Victims On Instagram

The [Washington Post](#) (2/19, Armus) reports Xandi Garcia of Miami Lakes, Florida, “used Instagram to show off his lifestyle, filling his feed with oversized jewelry, luxurious clothes and other expensive goods,” and prosecutors say he has been using Instagram to track the whereabouts of his wealthy victims and rob them as the leader of an elaborate \$10 million crime ring. ... Now, it seems that Instagram has caused his downfall.” Authorities used “digital clues” on the platform to track down the alleged thieves, who at times posted pictures of themselves with stolen goods or in the very clothes they were robbing the mansions and penthouses of Miami’s elite.”

TECHNOLOGY

Barr, Wray Suggest Tech Giants Ought Not Be Immune From Suits Over Their Content

[The Hill](#) (2/19, Birnbaum) reports Attorney General William Barr was speaking at a DOJ “workshop devoted to addressing the legal shield that prevents Internet companies such as Facebook and Google from facing lawsuits over the extreme, exploitative and sometimes violent posts that circulate on their powerful platforms.” Barr’s remarks “bolstered the DOJ’s escalating battle against Big Tech, which law enforcement officials have accused of obstructing investigations and amassing too much power over the past decade.” Near the end of the article, The Hill reports that Director Christopher Wray, “who made a brief appearance at the beginning of the workshop, said the law currently leaves too many public safety questions in the hands of private corporations.” The piece concludes by quoting Wray saying, “Those companies, the government and law enforcement, [the] victim’s advocacy community and [the] tech industry have the combined power and the skill, to tackle the challenges that evolving technology presents.”

Wisconsin Senate Passes Police Body Camera Rulers

The [Milwaukee Journal Sentinel](#) (2/19) reports on measures passed by the Wisconsin state Senate on Wednesday.

including “rules for police body cameras.” The chamber “approved a bill that would require police departments that cameras to hang onto footage for at least four months and often much longer. Under Senate Bill 50, the public could state’s open records law to get some footage, but the police could hold back footage of victims, minors and people f their homes or other places where they would have an expectation of privacy.”

Police In Camden, New Jersey, Using AI For Crime Analysis

[NJ News](#) (2/19) reports on the use of civilian contractors who “work as crime analysts and ‘virtual patrolers’” i Camden, New Jersey, police department. “Each person sits before six computer monitors displaying video feeds fr surveillance cameras, maps, real time police call data, and the intelligence they’ve collected to make sense of it all.” improve the system, “the department is piloting crime forecasting software that promises to better direct police pat places where certain crimes are most likely to occur.”

ALSO IN THE NEWS

Utah Police Come To Aid Of Utah Mother Who Called 911 Because She Lacked Baby Formula

[USA Today](#) (2/20, Shannon) reports a mother in Alpine, Utah, “desperately in need of baby formula in the mid night turned to 911 for help, and Utah police say officers responded to the non-traditional emergency with the supp needed.” The mother, who was breastfeeding her infant, had “found herself suddenly unable to produce milk, likely to medication she was taking.” Medical issues prevented her from leaving her home, so she “called 911. ... The local department says people in a similar situation should feel free to make that same call. ‘We recommend as a departm someone feels they are having an emergency or need police assistance then call us,’ wrote Lone Peak Police Departr spokesperson Dave Ventrano in an emailed statement.”

Off-Duty Kentucky Police Officers Make Robbery Arrest While On Date

The [Washington Post](#) (2/19, Kornfield) reports two married police officers in Elizabethtown, Kentucky, thwarte attempted robbery at a restaurant at which they were dining. Officer Nicole McKeown and Detective Chase McKeov their weapons and approached the suspect who dropped his own gun and fled. “The McKeowns chased him for a bl they were able to detain him.”

Three UK Officers Under Quarantine After Potential Coronavirus Exposure

Police In The [Daily Mail \(UK\)](#) (2/19, Keay) reports three police officers in Stoke-on Trent, England, “have been i self-quarantine after a woman fell ill in custody with suspected coronavirus.” The Chinese national “was arrested in l yesterday and taken to the Northern Area Custody facility in Stoke-on-Trent, reports StokeonTrentLive. Two police o PCSO who dealt with her at the centre were sent home after she fell ill this morning.”

German Police Find Body Of Suspected Shisha Bar Killer

[Reuters](#) (2/20) reports police in Hanau, Germany, have found the body of “a gunman suspected of shooting ni dead at two shisha bars” in his home. “Another body was discovered at the home of the man in Hanau, a city east o financial hub of Frankfurt where the shootings happened.”

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POLICING & POLICY

Hawaii Considers Decriminalizing Possession Of Small Amounts Of Dangerous Drugs

The [AP](#) (2/15) reports, "Possession of small amounts of drugs that are considered dangerous would be decriminalized in Hawaii under a proposed bill," which "would make it a misdemeanor instead of a felony offense to possess less than one ounce of dangerous drugs such as methamphetamine, heroin, morphine and cocaine." The bill states, "Hawaii's experience corroborates mounting national data demonstrating that incarceration has no effect on rates of drug use or overdose deaths."

Ohio Mandates Annual Training, But Fails To Fund It

The [Cleveland Plain Dealer](#) (2/16, Dissell) reports, "For years, law enforcement officials and Ohio policymakers argued that annual training for police officers, sheriff's deputies and state troopers is critical," but, "Ohio has failed to provide a steady stream of funding to reimburse local law enforcement agencies for annual training." Tim Barfield, the chief of the Wellington Police Department in Lorain County, said, "People want us to shoot like John Wayne, fight like Wyatt Earp, but the state doesn't give us enough resources." Gov. Mike DeWine "has strongly recommended raising the bar to 40 hours of mandated annual training," up from the current 24 hours, but his budget "did not include funding for training reimbursements."

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La Crosse, Wisconsin Expands Neighborhood Resource Officer Program

The [AP](#) (2/15, Vian) reports on La Crosse, Wisconsin's neighborhood resource officers, who have been around for many years. They have succeeded in "making people feel more comfortable talking to officers and coming to them with complaints or anything else they want to talk about." Now, Police Chief Shawn Kudron "is growing the program...adding more neighborhood resource officers in 2020 and rotating the officers out of the position after six years to allow more officers the chance to build those positive relationships." It began with four officers and increased to 10. Kudron said the program is based on "a relationship-based policing philosophy. ... I want to spread that philosophy within our entire department."

Alabama Police Department To Offer Security Training To Churches

The [Western Journal](#) (2/15, Davis) reports in Citronelle, Alabama, "Police Chief Tyler Norris recently announced the department would begin special training for churches to address the threats of active shooters." According to the police department's Facebook page, "Chief Norris has a law enforcement colleague who is volunteering his time and effort to help our churches in safety and security measures. ... Chief Norris will be present at each training session." The department said the training is being offered "to church staff and security team members, or potential security team members" and "open to the general public."

Indian Police Reunited Missing Children With Families Using Facial Recognition App

[Reuters](#) (2/14, Nagaraj) reports, "Indian police have reunited thousands of missing and trafficked children with their families using a new facial recognition app that campaigners said was a 'game changer' in tackling the problem." The app was implemented in "the southern state of Telangana...as part of Operation Smile, a periodic drive to tackle child labour and missing children." The app "scanned through more than 3,000 records...and were able to reunite more than half the children with their families in January." It works with "a centralised database of photographs and identifies up to 80 points on a human face for a match, making it easy to search even if only old photographs are available."

CRIME & DRUGS

Costa Rica Seizes Five Ton Shipment Of Cocaine

The [AP](#) (2/16) reports, "Costa Rican officials say they have seized more than 5 tons of cocaine, the largest such seizure in the Central American country's history." The seizure of "5,048 kilograms (11,128 pounds) of cocaine" was conducted "Saturday evening in a shipping container at the Caribbean port of Moin," that was "supposedly holding ornamental plants, destined for Rotterdam in the Netherlands."

Danish Police Arrest 27 For Drug Smuggling

The [AP](#) (2/16) reports, “Danish police say they have arrested 27 people for suspected drug smuggling after finding 100 kilograms of cocaine on a Bahamas-registered cargo vessel plying Danish waters.” It was, Danish police said, “an internationally coordinated bust on Saturday on the container ship Duncan Island while it was sailing south of the town of Gedser.”

Brazil Sees Drop In Homicides

The [AP](#) (2/14, De Sousa) reports on Friday, Brazilian President Jair Bolsonaro “celebrated...after a crime index of homicides fell to their lowest level in more than a decade during the first year of his term.” Brazil reported “41,635 homicides in 2019, down 19% from the prior year and the least number of homicides since 2007.” Bolsonaro “made fighting crime and violence one of his signature campaign issues.” In 2016, “Brazil had nearly 60,000 homicides.”

OFFICER SAFETY & WELLNESS

Man Arrested After Threatening New York Police

The [New York Post](#) (2/14, McCarthy, Bensimon) reports, “A man who threatened to shoot police in New York City was arrested,” by “Federal Homeland Security agents [who] arrested suspect Armando Clemente-Ramos on Thursday evening. Clemente-Ramos “is an undocumented immigrant, [and] is currently being held by the feds on immigration charges.

[Fox News](#) (2/14, Chakraborty) reports, “Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents took Armando Ramos into custody after it was alleged he threatened officers in the 41st precinct in the Bronx – the same precinct where officers were shot less than a week ago.”

TECHNOLOGY

Jewish Leaders Seek Greater Oversight Of Social Media

The [AP](#) (2/14, Rising) reports, “Jewish leaders called Friday for better policing of hate speech on social media and Rabbi Pinchas Goldschmidt, president of the Conference of European Rabbis and chief rabbi of Moscow, “said that radicalization was giving rise not only to more anti-Semitic incidents, but also hate crimes directed at Muslims and Christians.” Goldschmidt spoke at an event held by his conference and the World Jewish Congress.

GLOBAL SECURITY

German Police Arrest 12 Suspected Of Terror Plans

The [Telegraph \(UK\)](#) (2/16, Wighton) reports, “Police have arrested 12 suspected members of a far-Right terror group that wanted to ‘start a civil war’ across Germany.” According to the German Attorney General, “the aim of the association is to shake and ultimately overcome the state and social order of the Federal Republic of Germany.” Police reportedly “found evidence of concrete plans, including attacking mosques in smaller German cities.” The arrests were conducted in “fourteen” and took place in 13 locations in six states across Germany.”

[Reuters](#) (2/16, Busvine) reports, “The men were arrested on Friday, four on suspicion of forming a right-wing organization last September and the rest of offering them financial support.” They have been ordered “detained pending investigations.”

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POLICING & POLICY

Alabama House Votes To Make Targeting Police A Hate Crime

The [AP](#) (2/13, Chandler) reports, "Alabama could join states that make it a hate crime to attack police officers their profession, under legislation approved Thursday in the Alabama House of Representatives." According to the A "Representatives voted 92-0 to add the law enforcement profession to the categories – along with race and religion by Alabama's hate crime law. Current law allows heightened penalties if crimes are motivated by the victim's race, r national origin, ethnicity or disability. Alabama does not include crimes motivated by a person's sexual orientation in hate crime statute." The bill "found broad support in both parties in the House of Representatives following the sho of seven Alabama law enforcement officers over the past 13 months. 'This is quite frankly in response to the terror a being carried out on police officers every day,' said Republican Rep. Rex Reynolds, a former police chief who is the sp the bill."

Florida's "Red Flag" Law Removes Hundreds Of Guns In Two Years

The [AP](#) (2/14, Spencer) reports from Fort Lauderdale, Florida, "A 23-year-old man who posted on Facebook, "I why I don't go on a killing spree." A West Palm Beach couple who shot up their home while high on cocaine. A 31-ye Coast man who pointed a semiautomatic rifle at a motorcyclist. All four Florida residents had their guns taken away under a "red flag" law the state passed three weeks after a mentally disturbed gunman killed 17 people at Marjory ! Douglas High School in Parkland two years ago Friday." The law" has been applied more than 3,500 times since, with accelerating during the last half of 2019. Even so, an Associated Press analysis of the law showed its use is inconsiste some counties and cities using it rarely and others not at all." According to the AP, "Advocates of Florida's red flag m before it existed, it was often difficult to remove firearms from those making threats or suffering severe mental brea Sixteen other states "plus the District of Columbia have similar laws, 11 of which were enacted after the Feb. 14, 20 at Stoneman Douglas."

Rhode Island Officials Call For Stricter Gun Control Laws

The [AP](#) (2/13, McDermott) reports that Rhode Island Gov. Gina Raimondo and Attorney General Peter Neronh

state lawmakers to pass a group of bills they feel will help curb gun violence.” Raimondo and Neronha “held an ever Statehouse Thursday to discuss eight gun control bills they’re supporting. ‘This is our obligation as Rhode Islanders to get it right, and these bills and more to come will save lives. We know that,’ Raimondo said.” The rally “was organized to reform and mark Friday’s two-year anniversary of the deadly mass shooting at Parkland’s Marjory Stoneman Douglas School in Florida.” The AP adds, “Four of the bills have already been introduced this legislative session. They would ban assault weapons, high-capacity magazines and 3D-printed guns and so-called ghost guns that are untraceable. The legislation also requires gun sellers to send firearm purchase applications to police departments where the buyer lives where the gun is purchased.”

Illinois Police Push For Gun-Fee Hike

The [AP](#) (2/13, O'Connor) reports from Springfield, Illinois, “In the year since five workers died in a suburban Clarendon Hills warehouse shooting, state officials have beefed up illegal firearms enforcement efforts, including the first-ever order from state authorities to confiscate weapons from those whose gun permits are invalid, Illinois State Police Director Brent Kelly said Thursday.” According to the AP, “Kelly’s briefing at the state Capitol to commemorate the Feb. 15, 2019 shooting at the Henry Pratt Co. also came with an alert: Increased vigilance of illegal gun possession comes with a price that exceeds the state’s spending. He advocated legislation pending in the Senate that would increase the Firearm Owner’s Identification card fee to require fingerprinting of gun owners, a measure bitterly opposed by gun-rights advocates. ‘We will be able to do a more thorough, effective and quicker background check, even for law-abiding citizens, if we have that fingerprint,’ Kelly said. ‘It’s a matter of the constitutionality and the policy and the politics of all that, that’s .. an issue that citizens and policymakers and the public debate.’”

States Moving To Release Violent Criminals Before They Finish Their Sentences

The [New York Times](#) (2/13, Williams) reports that the Virginia State Legislature “is poised to broaden parole eligibility for inmates on time in a generation,” which “would give...prisoners convicted of violent crimes a chance...to be released early.” The Times says that “Watching closely are lawmakers across the nation, including in California, New York, Illinois and Pennsylvania. Like those states decades ago virtually eliminated discretionary parole, granted by appointed boards on a conditional basis, in an era of surging violent crime and the imposition of progressively harsher punishments.” The Times says that “on the federal level, President Trump signed legislation in December 2018 that shortened prison terms for some federal inmates.”

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CRIME & DRUGS

Canadian Law Enforcement Authorities Arrest Three In “Dark Web” Drug Trafficking Probe

[CTV British Columbia \(CAN\)](#) (2/13, Holliday) reports from Vancouver that Canadian law enforcement officials “Thursday that they had arrested three people in Nanaimo in connection to what they called a ‘year-long investigatio web drug trafficking.’” CTV British Columbia adds, “The arrests came on Feb. 4, when officers executed search warra homes in Nanaimo. One warrant was executed at a residence in the 3900-block of Hammond Bay Road, where offic and dismantled a gamma hydroxybutyrate (GHB) processing lab, according to an RCMP news release. Officers also fo evidence of ‘drug packaging and trafficking,’ police said.” The investigation “targeted online drug trafficking that was through ‘the dark web and bitcoin exchanges,’ police said, noting that their specific target was a ‘prolific’ vendor kno username AlwaysOvrWeight.”

FBI: Probe Of Ohio Mass Shooter’s Motives Nearing End

The [AP](#) (2/13, Sewell) reports from Cincinnati, Ohio, “The federal investigation into the motivations of a gunm killed nine people last year in Dayton’s crowded entertainment area is nearing an end, the special agent in charge of office for southern Ohio said Thursday.” The AP adds, “Chris Hoffman, who recently became head of the field office told reporters he couldn’t give a definite timetable but expects it to conclude soon. Police who were nearby in the C district fatally shot 24-year-old Connor Betts about 30 seconds after he opened fire early in the morning of Aug. 4 w assault-style gun.” The FBI “said soon afterward that it was investigating his interest in ‘violent ideologies.’ Betts’ sist among the victims, but the significance of that was unclear. ‘We’re very close to wrapping it up,’ Hoffman said.” Hoff that the office has been getting help from the FBI’s behavioral analysis unit in Quantico, Virginia, ‘that I think will be not only the public but especially the victims as to maybe what motivated the shooter.’”

Body Of Missing South Carolina Girl Found, Investigation Continues

The [AP](#) (2/13, Collins) reports, “A 6-year-old South Carolina girl who disappeared Monday after getting off her was found dead Thursday and a homicide investigation has begun, authorities said.” The AP adds, “A body of a man recently found in Faye Marie Swetlik’s neighborhood, Cayce Public Safety Director Byron Snellgrove said.” Snellgrove any evidence to connect the two deaths, but said there was no danger to the public. He also said no arrests have be the girl’s death.” According to the AP, “Investigators sent more than 250 officers to talk with neighbors, used tracking helicopters to search the area and stopped motorists near the girl’s home to question them. They also asked resider doorbell cameras in the area to share footage. State police and the FBI are assisting local police.”

The [Charleston \(SC\) Post and Courier](#) (2/13, Holdman) reports, “Snellgrove did not share the distance bet bodies when they were discovered or where they were found. ‘This is a fluid investigation, and we are working diligi Snellgrove said.’”

Virginia High School Student Charged With Murders

The [Washington Post](#) (2/13, Weiner) reports Mohamed A. Aly, a student at T.C. Williams high school in Alexan Virginia, has been “charged with two counts of first-degree murder and two counts of use of a firearm in the commi felony” in the deaths of two people found dead on a road on Saturday. Capt. David O. Cooper II, commander of the State Police Bureau of Criminal Investigation’s Appomattox Field Office, said that the FBI and other law enforcement the investigation.

Twelve Charged In Illinois Drug Trafficking Probe

The [Rock River \(IL\) Times](#) (2/13, Hagerty) reports from Rockford, Illinois, “Winnebago County State’s Attorney Ross and Rockford Police Chief Dan O’Shea, on Thursday, announced charges against 12 people in a countywide drug investigation. The Rockford Police Department Narcotics Division, the DEA Rockford Task Force, FBI, Slant, and the Winnebago County Sheriff’s Narcotics Unit and the U.S. Attorney’s Office took part in the investigation.” The Times adds, “In addition to illegal drugs, six firearms including a high-caliber rifle and a stolen firearm, were seized along with 17 vehicles.” [WQXI-TV](#) Rockford, IL (2/13, Carpello) and [WIFR-TV](#) Rockford, IL (2/13, Karlin) also report.

New York Police Bust Massive Gun, Drug Trafficking Ring

[AM New York](#) (2/13, Maisel) reports, “A gun and drug trafficking ring operating in the Bronx and Manhattan was busted by a combined law enforcement effort that resulted in seizure of 16 firearms and 250 grams of heroin, officials revealed Thursday.” New York State Attorney General Letitia James “was joined at a Feb. 13 press conference by the New York State Police and State Police announcing the charges against five people for their alleged roles in gun trafficking and dealing in drugs.” AM New York adds, “The weapon seizures included the recovery of four assault weapons with 11 high capacity ammunition magazines and hundreds of rounds of ammunition. Cops also confiscated heroin that was destined for the streets of Manhattan and the Bronx.” The investigation, “dubbed ‘Operation Iron Empire,’ included the use of physical surveillance, electronic surveillance, and undercover operations that put officers at great risk, officials say. During the course of the investigation, the suspects repeatedly said they were able to obtain guns from Pennsylvania, where gun laws are more lax, and smuggle them to New York City.”

TECHNOLOGY

European Police Chiefs Say Tech Firms Must Do More To Curb Child Sexual Abuse

[Reuters](#) (2/14) reports from London, “European police chiefs have thrown their support behind British demands for technology companies to urgently transform how they operate to prevent access to child sex abuse, Britain’s National Crime Agency (NCA) said on Friday.” The NCA “said abuse images were easily available online and could be reached with just a few clicks of a mouse on internet search engines. It said there was a direct link between offenders viewing material online and going on to target children themselves. ‘The technology industry urgently needs to transform its response to counter an extreme level of online offending,’ said Lynne Owens, the NCA’s director general. ‘To stop the pathway of escalation of online offending, there must be zero tolerance of the presence of child sexual abuse on industry platforms, with industry responsibility at every level to raise the bar to offending.’” Reuters adds, “Governments globally are wrestling over how to regulate content on social media platforms, often blamed for encouraging abuse and the spread of online pornography.”

THURSDAY'S LEAD STORIES

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POLICING & POLICY

Lawmakers Propose Federal Moratorium On Use Of Facial Recognition Technology

[The Hill](#) (2/12, Rodrigo) reports that Sens. Cory Booker (D-NJ) and Jeff Merkley (D-OR) “on Wednesday introduced a bill that would place a moratorium on federal government use of facial recognition technology until Congress passes legislation regulating it.” The Ethical Use of Facial Recognition Act “would also prohibit state and local governments from using federal funds for the controversial technology, which scans faces for the purpose of identification.” The bill “would create a commission tasked with providing recommendations to Congress for future federal government use of facial recognition 18 months after the bill’s passage. ‘Facial recognition is a powerful and rapidly evolving technology, but without proper oversight it poses a significant risk to privacy and safety,’ Booker said in a statement.” The bill “includes exceptions for use of facial recognition technology in law enforcement with court warrants.”

Lakewood, Ohio Fire Rescue Task Force To Partner With FBI For Tactical Events, Training

The [Cleveland Plain Dealer](#) (2/12, Benson) reports from Lakewood, Ohio, “Lakewood late last month signed a memorandum of understanding authorizing the Lakewood Fire Rescue Task Force to provide emergency medical services for Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) tactical events and training scenarios. ‘This is good for Lakewood because our fire department has access to training with the FBI, which makes them very well prepared for any sort of safety issues that may happen in the future,’ Lakewood Mayor Meghan George said. ‘We’re proactively working and training with the FBI to ensure that our safety forces are fully prepared for any event that may arise here in Lakewood.’” Lakewood’s Fire Rescue Task Force “was started in 2006 as a response to dangerous emergency incidents occurring across the country in public gatherings.”

Idaho Lawmakers Vote To Take First Official Action On Missing, Murdered Indigenous People (MIP)

The [Idaho Statesman](#) (2/12, Sewell) reports, “A proposal to designate May 5 as a day of awareness for missing and murdered indigenous people in Idaho sailed through a legislative committee on Wednesday. ‘This is a pretty tough issue to talk about,’ Rep. Caroline Troy, R-Genesee, told the House Health and Welfare Committee while introducing House Concurrent Resolution 1000.”

Resolution 33.” Troy “said that when it comes to violence against women in the U.S., ‘indigenous women face the highest per capita of any other race.’” The Statesman adds, “Tribes do not have the authority to prosecute non-Natives who commit violent crimes on tribal lands. ‘This piece of legislation simply draws attention to this terrible issue and designates a national awareness,’ Troy said. In 2019, Congress and at least eight Western states enacted legislation or executive orders to address the missing and murdered indigenous women crisis, which is being called an epidemic. Idaho is not yet among those states. If Troy’s resolution is approved, it would be Idaho’s first official action in addressing this crisis.”

Wisconsin Lawmakers Vote To Boost Troopers’ Starting Salaries

The [AP](#) (2/12, Bauer) reports, “Starting salaries for Wisconsin state troopers would increase by nearly \$6,000 in their first new contract in five years that won approval Wednesday after a previous agreement with higher raises was rejected. A “committee of legislative leaders voted unanimously to accept the new contract. It now heads to the Legislature for approval to ratify.” According to the AP, “The troopers’ last approved contract ended in 2015. The new deal, covering 370 state troopers, is retroactive to the two year-period that ended in July 2019. Troopers will receive a lump sum payment.” Under the new deal, “starting salaries will increase from \$43,680 a year to \$49,358. The pay scale will be adjusted for all troopers based on years of service and they will also receive a 2% pay raise for each of the past two years. Troopers will now reach the top of the scale of \$71,593 after seven years rather than 10.”

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COMMUNITY

New Jersey Program Gives Law Enforcement Training To Those With Special Needs

[NJ News](#) (2/12, Zoppo) reports, “For Travis White, large group settings used to be overwhelming. The 22-year-old with autism would not leave his family’s side, his father Tyrone said. Then, White joined the Monmouth County Prosecutor’s Office ‘Growth Through Opportunity’ pilot initiative last year, the first of its kind in New Jersey to give law enforcement training to people with special needs.” NJ News adds, “A graduation ceremony for the five cadets who went through the 16-week program was held at the prosecutor’s office in Freehold Wednesday, and Travis White’s parents watched as their son conferred with officers he worked alongside at the Holmdel Police Department for the past four months.” Under the program, cadets were placed with five law enforcement agencies – the prosecutor’s office and the Red Bank, Holmdel, Eatontown and Freehold police departments. The internship initiative was founded in 2014 in the Roanoke Police Department in Virginia by a police officer whose son has special needs, and has taken root in other agencies in Virginia and Minnesota.”

CRIME & DRUGS

Police Search For Missing South Carolina Girl

The [AP](#) (2/12) reports from Cayce, South Carolina, “Hundreds of police officers continued to look Wednesday old girl who hasn’t been seen since shortly after getting off her school bus near her South Carolina home Monday.” “have no evidence that Faye Marie Swetlik was kidnapped, but also have not ruled an abduction or that she walked her home or was harmed by someone she knew in the central city of Cayce, authorities said.”

[Fox News](#) (2/12, Betz) reports, “Swetlik’s family released a statement on Tuesday calling her a ‘bubbly and girl.’ ‘She always wants to play and have fun. She’s not the type of kid that will up and walk away,’ the statement said

FBI Warns Of Online Romance Scams

The [Crestview \(FL\) News Bulletin](#) (2/12) reports, “A devastating internet crime is on the rise in Florida, and it a claimed close to 1,200 victims who have lost more than \$20 million – \$1.2 million in Sarasota County,” and “it’s gross reported.” The News Bulletin adds, “Romance scams are just one trick fraudsters use to victimize people – predomir widowed or divorced – who are targeted by criminal groups from under-developed countries such as Nigeria. The vi the most part, are computer literate and educated but emotionally vulnerable, according to the Federal Bureau of Ir which says educating the public is its best defense. ‘Somebody will have a sick daughter or sick family member and I move this money,’ says FBI Special Agent Joseph Stone describing a common scam. ‘The next thing you know, after t groomed, it looks benign, so they’re opening a bank account to help someone and transmitting money through that account.’”

Law Enforcement Concerns Grow Over PCP-Impaired Drivers

The [Houston Chronicle](#) (2/12, Hensley) reports, “If his hospital statement is to be believed, triple intoxication manslaughter suspect Gregory Allen Smith was part of a growing statistic that more PCP-impaired drivers are getting wheel on Houston roads.” According to the Chronicle, “Amid a city dealing with troubled traffic, Houston is the natic metro area to have a significant problem with the drug, researchers on Wednesday said. Their study found traces of known as Phencyclidine and under the street name angel dust – in about 1 in 6 blood samples taken during DWI arr between 2013 and 2018, with the typical user being black men in their 30s.” The Chronicle adds, “The synthetic dru, third behind alcohol and then marijuana, data from the study shows. The findings were published on the Journal of Toxicology website.” While New York City and Washington DC “are also PCP hot spots, positive tests among those ar DWI charges show PCP is on the rise. The number of those found to have used PCP prior to an arrest were listed at 4 That number increased to 271 in 2018, data shows.”

UK Universities On Watch For Evidence Of County Lines Infiltration

[BBC News Online \(UK\)](#) (2/13) reports, “The possibility of county lines gangs infiltrating universities has become consideration’, according to one head of student services.” According to BBE News, “It comes after three incidents ir where suspected dealers claimed to be students when challenged, despite no connections to Bangor University.” Sw University “has changed its student policy to incorporate the potential threat from such gangs. ‘The information we county lines have so much money that they can afford the false IDs and false backgrounds,’ said Kevin Child, the uni director of student services. ‘There’s no real way we could check people in that kind of depth. So what we’re doing i people to look out for the signs.’” BBC News adds, “Staff at halls of residence are being taught to recognise potentia such as students with new visitors ‘turning up all times of day and night,’ or students who were ‘never seen within t despite having a room there.’”

OFFICER SAFETY & WELLNESS

Ohio Lawmakers Advance Bill Covering First Responders' PTSD

The [AP](#) (2/12) reports from Columbus, Ohio, "The Ohio House on Wednesday once again approved a measure post-traumatic stress disorder for emergency responders who haven't suffered a physical injury." According to the A and firefighters have been pushing for the coverage under the state insurance fund for injured workers for years. They argue that it's wrong for coverage to be available for responders who suffer a traumatic injury but not for those witnessing or experiencing traumatic events." The legislation "will help prevent first responders' deaths by suicide by benefits and treatment for PTSD, said Rep. Tom Patton," the bill's sponsor. The House "approved a similar measure a Bureau of Workers' Compensation budget last year before the Senate rejected the idea after lawmakers said they would take time to study the concept."

GLOBAL SECURITY

Figures Show Six UK Terrorists Convicted Of Further Acts After Release

[The Guardian \(UK\)](#) (2/12, Grierson) reports, "Six convicted terrorists have been released from prison and convicted of further terrorist offences within seven years, it has been revealed, as parliament heads into a debate over emergency legislation designed to keep extremist prisoners in jail for longer." The Guardian adds, "Between January 2013 and December 2019, 12 individuals convicted of a terrorist offence were released from prison in England and Wales with 3.06% of them going on to be convicted of a further terrorist offence." According to the Guardian, "The figures, which were released to Lord Anderson, a former independent reviewer of terrorism legislation, through a written question to the government, come as parliament debates emergency legislation announced less than 24 hours after the convicted terrorist Sudesh Amman stabbed a woman in south London. The proposals, which the government hopes to rush through parliament in a single day, will block the automatic release of about 50 serving terrorist prisoners at the halfway point of their sentences."

ALSO IN THE NEWS

Woman Thanks Natick, Massachusetts Police Who Saved Her After Overdose

[Boston](#) (2/12, Dwyer) reports, "When the woman walked into the Natick Police Department, she brought two things with her: baked goods and a letter. Both were to say thank you to the first responders who saved her life. 'I overdosed for the first time in August,' she wrote in the letter. 'It was a major wake up call. I went to detox the next day and haven't used substances since. You guys saving my life through CPR and Narcan I got my life back!'" The woman "went on to share what that meant. Since her recovery, she has kept a steady job and regained custody of her daughter." Boston adds, "Natick police Lt. told Boston.com that the gesture made by the woman a couple weeks ago touched the officers involved – that they were given the opportunity to interact with her in a positive way. The department spokeswoman shared a photo of the letter on Tuesday. 'This makes it all worthwhile,' she wrote."

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State Officials Argue For More Federal Funding To Fight Cyberattacks

[The Hill](#) (2/11, Miller) reports top federal and state officials “pressed a Senate committee on Tuesday to provide resources and authorities to fight cyberattacks, an issue of increasing concern in the wake of debilitating attacks on governments entities this past year.” Senior cybersecurity and tech leaders “from Michigan and Texas noted during testimony before the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee that efforts to combat cyberattacks have been hampered by a lack of federal resources, particularly from DHS.” Christopher DeRusha, the chief security officer of Michigan’s Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Protection Office, told lawmakers. “We see the intent everywhere of DHS to take over everything everywhere across the state, particularly in the run-up to the elections, and I think it’s just a matter of they need more resources on the ground, and they need a specific state representative to get more familiar with that state.”

Virginia House Passes Assault Weapons Ban

The [Daily Caller](#) (2/11, Davis) reports that on a “near party line vote” Virginia’s House of Delegates on Tuesday passed a package of gun control proposals that includes “a ban on the sale of several firearms defined as ‘assault weapons,’ including the popular AR-15.” While Virginians who own the firearms “will not be forced to participate in a mandatory buyback program as had initially been considered by state Democrats,” the measure “gives the state government the authority to control certain types of ammunition that are considered ‘high capacity.’” The [Washington Examiner](#) (2/11, Neale) says that with the bill’s passage, “Democrats in the Virginia General Assembly took another step toward restricting the lawful ownership of loosely defined ‘assault’ weapons.”

Barr: “Rogue DAs” Are Contributing To Rise In Violent Crime In Cities

The [Washington Times](#) (2/11, Dinan) reports that in a speech on Tuesday, Attorney General Barr blasted “rogue prosecutors” he said are sabotaging the sanctity of the criminal justice system by bringing lesser charges or pleading down cases

keep people out of prison.” Barr argued that the “self-styled ‘social justice’ reformers” are contributing to the increase in crimes in the nation’s largest cities despite an overall trend in the opposite direction. Barr said, “These DAs think they are helping people, but they end up hurting them. These policies actually lead to greater criminality. ... By allowing your lawbreakers entirely off the hook the first time – or the second time or even the third time – these DAs are putting them on a conveyor to further and heightened criminality.”

Police In London Deploy Facial Recognition Technology

The [AP](#) (2/11, Chan) reports, “London police started using facial recognition cameras on Tuesday to automatically identify wanted people, as authorities adopt the technology that has raised concerns about increased surveillance and erosion of privacy.” Surveillance “cameras mounted on a blue police van monitored people coming out of a shopping center in east London. Signs warned that police were using the technology to find people ‘wanted for serious crimes.’ Officers nearby, explaining to passers-by how the system works.” According to the AP, “It’s the first time London’s Metropolitan Police Service has used live facial recognition cameras in an operational deployment since carrying out a series of trials throughout the year.”

Nearly 50 Gun Seizure Orders Granted In New Jersey’s Ocean County

[NJ News](#) (2/11, Atmonavage) reports, “Nearly 50 orders have been granted to seize guns from people in a Jersey county, under New Jersey’s red flag laws, which went into effect last year, according to data obtained by NJ Advance News adds, “Under the Extreme Risk Protective Order Act, which went into effect Sept. 1, 48 orders have been issued to seize guns from people in Ocean County at least temporarily, while 25 orders have been issued to take them indefinitely under the latest gun control measure enacted by Gov. Phil Murphy, according to the New Jersey Administrative Office of the State Police. The law, which is similar to ‘red flag’ laws used in other states, has been implemented in Ocean County more than twice as often as any other county, according to the data.” The law “allows a law enforcement officer, family or household member to petition the state Superior Court showing why a judge should issue an order to keep guns away from someone who poses a danger of causing bodily injury to themselves or to others.”

Elite CARD Teams Help Find Missing Children

[KHOU-TV](#) (2/12, White) reports from Houston, “When a mother and her newborn were kidnapped in Houston last year, one of the agencies credited with finding the baby alive in Houston was the FBI’s Child Abduction Rapid Deployment (CARD) team. It’s an elite team dedicated to finding missing kids. They bring with them the full resources of the FBI, from looking at everything from social media and cell phone activity to behavior analysis.” According to KHOU-TV, “They’re involved in the most high profile cases across the country and inside the FBI Houston headquarters, they granted us an exclusive interview. ‘Kids are sacred, bottom line,’ Special Agent Todd DiCaprio said.” DeCaprio’s team “deployed when Austin Heidi Broussard went missing and they were credited with finding her baby girl alive in Houston. ‘What we found with children cases is they are unique cases,’ DiCaprio said. He can’t talk specifically about the Broussard case because it’s confidential but he told us the training card does like this one in Kansas prepares them to face any type of child abduction. ‘We do approximately 12 1/2 deployments a year,’ DiCaprio said.”

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CRIME & DRUGS

Guilty Pleas Entered In Pennsylvania Heroin Bust

The [Warminster \(PA\) Patch](#) (2/11, Gross) reports from Warminster, Pennsylvania, “Most members of a Warminster drug ring that prosecutors said produced \$8 million a week worth of heroin and fentanyl have pleaded guilty in the case. According to the Patch, “About 10 pounds of heroin and fentanyl, a dangerously strong opioid, were seized in a December raid on a home in the 600 block of Cheryl Drive in Warminster. Police announced Tuesday that the people arrested in the raid have pleaded guilty to various crimes and been sentenced. According to Warminster Township Police, Dariel Vasquez, 34, of Philadelphia, and Moises Rodriguez, 44, of Patterson, N.J., were found to be the masterminds of the operation.” Vasquez “pleaded guilty in October and was sentenced to 5-10 years in state prison. Rodriguez is scheduled to go to trial in March.”

Police In Northern Ireland Arrest For Men In Journalist’s Killing

[Reuters](#) (2/11, Ferguson) reports, “Northern Irish police arrested four men on Tuesday as part of the investigation into the murder of journalist Lyra McKee, whose killing sparked outrage in the province where a 1998 peace deal mostly ended decades of sectarian violence.” Reuters adds, “The men, aged 20, 27, 29 and 52, were arrested in Londonderry under the Terrorism Act over the shooting in April 2019 that was claimed by Irish nationalist militants opposed to the Good Friday Agreement.” The New IRA, “one of a small number of groups that oppose the peace accord, said one of its members shot and killed an old reporter dead in Londonderry when they opened fire in the direction of police during a riot McKee was watching.” “I always believed that some people within the community know what happened and who was involved,” said Detective Superintendent Jason Murphy in a statement after Tuesday’s arrests.

Florida Police Say Man Fabricated Details About Daughter’s Kidnapping

The [AP](#) (2/11) reports from Apopka, Florida, “A Florida man embellished details of his 3-year-old daughter’s kidnapping because he didn’t believe police would take her abduction by her mother seriously, authorities said Tuesday.” According to the AP, “Investigators re-interviewed Lester Mejia on Monday after his daughter was recovered within several hours of her disappearance near Orlando, Apopka Police Sgt. Kim Walsh said in a statement.” Mejia “told detectives a relative had contacted him on Monday to inform him that his daughter’s mother, Tania Fortin-Duarte, 18, had taken the girl. He explained that he was on his way home while returning to his Apopka home, but a dispatcher told him there was no crime if the mother had the child, police said. Fearing that he wouldn’t see his daughter again, he made up a story of unknown abductors, officials said.”

New Jersey Police Warn Residents About Amazon Phone Scam

[Tap Into New Jersey](#) (2/10) reports police are warning Nutley residents about a recent scam in which “an individual claiming to be an Amazon representative, took over a local computer in order to ‘resolve an issue.’” A “resident was charged with a fraudulent charge of \$121.99 by someone claiming to be from Amazon,” who also “claimed they needed to gain remote access to the victim’s computer.” The victim then “allowed access to their computer” and “shared their date of birth and last four digits of their credit card with the caller.” After a few minutes, the victim disconnected “the caller from their computer” by contacting Amazon and learning that “nothing had been charged through Amazon.”

Law Enforcement Authorities Searching For Pranksters Behind Los Angeles Coronavirus Hoax

The [Los Angeles Patch](#) (2/11) reports from Los Angeles, “FBI agents are on the hunt for the perpetrators behind a bulletin falsely warning of a ‘possible coronavirus outbreak’ in the Carson area last month. On Monday, the FBI put out a poster to help identifying the malicious pranksters.” According to the Patch, “The fake health alert sent out as a hoax on Jan. 31. It included logos from the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the World Health Organization. It warned of an outbreak of the virus in at least five people, and included a list of businesses in Torrance where patrons may have been exposed.” Health officials “quickly investigated the report of an outbreak and issued a document, determining it to be a fake,” and the FBI on Monday “released a poster urging ‘anyone who has information about the person or group responsible for creating and/or posting this fraudulent document’ to contact the federal agency or the Angeles County Sheriff’s Department.”

TECHNOLOGY

New York City Vault Is Center Of Law Enforcement’s Efforts To Unlock Encrypted Smartphones

[USA Today](#) (2/11, Johnson) reports from New York, “Inside a steel-encased vault in lower Manhattan, investigators are tirelessly bombarding an Apple iPhone 7 with a jumble of numerical codes generated by nearby computers.” USA Today adds, “The grinding exercise has continued for the past 21 months with a singular aim: Crack the phone’s passcode so police can access potential evidence in an aging attempted murder investigation.” According to USA Today, “Despite the formidable resources of a \$10 million cyber lab operated by the Manhattan District Attorney’s Office – including costly assistance provided by the best sleuths – so far the phone has won.” Last month, Attorney General Barr “revived the titanic struggle between law enforcement and Big Tech when he disclosed that the FBI couldn’t unlock two iPhones used by a Saudi officer who opened fire at a mosque in Florida in December,” and yet “the breadth of the ground war waged against encrypted phones, tablets and other devices seized in criminal inquiries is perhaps best appreciated within the secure doors of this Manhattan laboratory.”

Northern Ireland Police: Racist Replies To Social Media Post “Deeply Disappointing”

[BBC News Online \(UK\)](#) (2/11) reports, “There is ‘no place for hate in our community’ after a police social media post was removed due to racist responses, the Policing Board has said.” The Police Service Of Northern Ireland Ballymer post “was about a recruitment event with the Mid and East Antrim Inter-Ethnic Forum.” The event “was aimed to encourage people from ethnic minorities to consider a career in policing,” but “police said some people ‘saw this as an opportunity to share hurtful and racist opinions’ on social media. ‘This in turn has caused unnecessary and unwarranted pain for the members of our community who took the time to come to the station to find out what a career in policing could mean for them,’ Ch Insp William Calderwood said. ‘They have asked for the post to be removed and we respect their request.’”

TUESDAY’S LEAD STORIES

- [New York City Plans Crackdown On Reckless Drivers](#)
- [Kansas City, Missouri Mothers Go Door-To-Door In Effort To Curb Rising Homicide Rate](#)
- [New Jersey Woman Is 14th To Plead Guilty In Drug Trafficking Probe](#)
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Illinois Considers Bill To Protect First Responders' Life Insurance From Naloxone Concerns

The [Chicago Daily Herald](#) (2/7, Keeshan, Sarkauskas) reports, "As the opioid crisis claimed hundreds of victims in suburbs, and tens of thousands nationwide, cartridges of the overdose-reversing agent naloxone became nearly as common a tool for law enforcement officers as a gun and a badge." The Daily Herald adds, "Dozens of lives have been saved across suburbs over the past five years because police officers – often the first to arrive at the scene of an overdose – are equipped with the drug," but "now there are concerns that obtaining naloxone could cost police and their fellow first responders with nurses and other health care professionals, their life insurance." The Daily Herald adds, "Those concerns – and such cases in other states – prompted South suburban state Rep. Margo McDermed to introduce a bill in Springfield to increase the insurance coverage of police, EMTs, health care professionals, and even the parents and loved ones of opioid users who carry naloxone." The legislation "would amend the Illinois Insurance Code to prevent a life insurance company from limiting coverage – or charging higher rates – for people solely because they have obtained naloxone."

Virginia House Committee Passes Bill Banning Sales Of Assault-Style Weapons, Possession Of High-Capacity Magazines

The [Washington Post](#) (2/7, Vozzella) reports the Virginia House Public Safety Committee passed "a bill banning the sale of assault-style weapons and possession of high-capacity magazines" on Friday. The measure "would prohibit the sale of those firearms beginning July 1, and outlaw possession of the magazines six months later, on Jan. 1, 2021." The final legislation, which "is perhaps the most controversial part of an eight-bill package of gun-control legislation" backed by Governor Ralph Northam (D), "in the full House is uncertain; at least a few Democratic delegates voiced concern about the legislation earlier this year."

NIH And CDC Funded To Conduct Research On Gun Safety

[USA Today](#) (2/9, Hauck, Ellis, Filby) reports, “Firearm-related injuries kill nearly 40,000 Americans each year...a nation’s firearm homicide rate is more than 25 times that of comparable affluent countries.” USA Today adds, “Congress approved \$25 million in federal funding to study gun safety,” which will “be split evenly between the National Institute of Health and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.” Both “the CDC and NIH have provided few clues about how to dole out their \$12.5 million shares.” USA Today adds, “The NIH released a statement saying it was still reviewing the bill and identifying new research opportunities” and that “gun violence prevention studies usually include research on parental roles in preventing injury at home and other places and understanding the relationship between alcohol and violence.”

Utah Lawmakers Consider Task Force To Study Violence Against Native American Women

The [Provo \(UT\) Daily Herald](#) (2/9, Richards) reports, “Utah may soon have a task force dedicated to studying violence experienced by Native American women.” The Justice Department has said that “American Indian women face a murder rate that is more than 10 times the national average. It is particularly a problem in Utah, which ranks eighth in states with the highest number of missing or murdered indigenous women cases.” Utah lawmakers “are trying to address that violence. Rep. Romero, D-Salt Lake City, is sponsoring a bill that would create a task force aimed at studying violence against indigenous women that would compile a report for the Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Interim Committee.” House Bill 1101 would create a task force comprised of legislators, law enforcement officials, a University of Utah researcher, a tribal representative, and a “representative of a victim advocate organization serving Utah’s Native American population.”

Rhode Island Lawmakers Advance Bill To Send Gun Applications To Applicants’ Hometown Police

The [AP](#) (2/7) reports, “Rhode Island’s House of Representatives has passed a bill to require gun sellers to send purchase applications to police departments where the buyer lives, not just where the gun is purchased.” According to the bill, “The House passed the measure Thursday, sending it to the state Senate.” House Speaker Nicholas Mattiello “said he would consider adding the provision to the state’s background check laws in the wake of a shooting at an affordable housing complex in Westerly in December. The gunman purchased his gun in Richmond. There are no gun shops in Westerly.” Rhode Island Attorney General Peter Neronha “called for the change because he believes a hometown police department would be more likely to have additional information on the purchaser and could take further steps if there are safety concerns.”

Arizona Bill Proposes Fines For Street Racing, Creation Of “Drag Race Prevention” Fund

The [Arizona Republic](#) (2/7, Curtis) reports, “An Arizona state senator introduced a bill Monday that would penalize street racers while contributing to a fund aimed at helping law enforcement stop street racing.” The bill “would impose a \$1,000 fine on people convicted of street racing. The funds would then be deposited into a ‘drag racing prevention enforcement fund’ managed by the Arizona Governor’s Office of Highway Safety, the proposed bill states. The money would be distributed to various state law enforcement agencies to help prevent racing on streets and highways, the bill states.” The Republic adds, “Currently, Arizona law states that someone convicted of a racing violation will be charged \$250 for the first offense and \$500 for subsequent offenses.”

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COMMUNITY

Lansing, Michigan Police Deploy Social Worker To Help The Homeless

The [Lansing \(MI\) State Journal](#) (2/9, Berg) reports, "It's 7 p.m. on a Thursday night and Jan Bidwell is cautious through ankle-deep snow in a grove of trees in south Lansing. She's heading for an area where she knows a man who is homeless has set up camp." The State Journal adds, "Bidwell tosses her business card into one of the tents set up in the snow. Although the card is emblazoned with the Lansing Police Department's logo, Bidwell is not a police officer. She's a social worker embedded within the department, the first of her kind in Michigan, according to the city." Bidwell "carries a radio and a bulletproof vest embroidered with the words 'social worker' instead of the typical 'police' label. She's clearly not a police worker, she said, but she's also clearly not a police officer. It's her job to close the gap between police and community and the people who are mentally ill, homeless or fighting a substance abuse disorder. 'Those are the people no one sees,' Bidwell, 68, told the Lansing State Journal. 'They're the ones who suffer the most...and they're left on their own for whatever reason.'"

CRIME & DRUGS

FBI Announces Sex Trafficking Arrests Made Over Super Bowl Period

[WFOR-TV](#) Miami (2/7) reports, "The Federal Bureau of Investigation Child Exploitation and Human Trafficking Unit announced Friday the results of its sex trafficking operations in South Florida conducted from January 25 through February 1, 2018." WFOR-TV adds, "The operations were conducted in partnership with the Miami-Dade Police Department's Super Bowl Human Trafficking Committee, the United States Attorney's Office, and multiple federal, state and local agencies. Authorities said three people were arrested and face federal sex trafficking charges."

[WPLG-TV](#) Miami (2/7, Torres) reports, "After finding an online prostitution ad on the Skip The Games site, an undercover officer set up a \$300 per-hour meeting at a hotel room in Miami-Dade County's University Park neighborhood, records show." WPLG-TV adds, "While inside the second-floor room at the Comfort Inn & Comfort Suites, the officer saw the woman from Connecticut undress in front of him just before he allowed other officers into the room. The woman was a teenage girl, who was known as 'Redd,' found her on the MeetMe app and introduced her to Edward Walker. Walker said he also forced the girl into prostitution in South Beach and University Park. Walker told the girl 'that if she did not bring in enough money by prostituting herself, he was going to punch her,' FBI Special Agent Alex G. Loff wrote in a complaint that there were 253 online ads to sell the teenage girl for sex in Connecticut, Texas and Florida."

US Charges Five With Drug Trafficking In Indiana

The [Anderson \(IN\) Herald Bulletin](#) (2/7, Miller) reports, "A drug trafficking organization in Anderson is no longer in business after five people were indicted on federal charges, United States Attorney Josh J. Minkler said Friday. 'This is the biggest drug trafficking organization that has been dismantled in Anderson in the last five years,' said Minkler." According to the Herald Bulletin, "Charles House, 37; Sean Brown, 25; Marcus Hayes-Patterson, 34; and Gregory Hendricks, 34, all of Anderson. In addition to Tommy Compton, 29, of Indianapolis were indicted by a grand jury on Jan. 22 on charges of conspiracy to

with intent to distribute methamphetamine and marijuana, distribution of methamphetamine and marijuana and use of a communication facility. All five men were taken into federal custody on Wednesday.” Minkler “said more than 2 methamphetamine, 10 pounds of cocaine and other drugs and firearms were seized during a 16-month investigation in Anderson and Indianapolis called Glassbox.” The FBI “was the lead agency in the investigation, but they were assisted by the Madison County Sheriff’s Department and Anderson Police Department, said Ed Wheeler, a supervisory special agent with the FBI.”

Mexico’s Marines To Join Fight Against Country’s Drug Cartels

The [Wall Street Journal](#) (2/7, de Córdoba, Gurman, Subscription Publication) reports that in the face of pressure from the US, Mexican President Andrés Manuel López Obrador has decided to bring in the country’s marines to fight the drug cartels. According to the Journal, the change is a decisive shift from the country’s counternarcotics strategy which focused on the elimination of the cartels.

Self-Defense Force In Mexican Village Allows Boys To Join In Fight Against Powerful Drug Cartel. The [Post](#) (2/7, A1, Sieff) reports that in order to fight “their own war against powerful drug cartel called Los Ardillos in Ayahuatlampa, a village in the Guerrero state of Mexico have maintained a self-defense force, known as the CRAC-PF. Violence over the past year has overwhelmed the village, CRAC-PF founder Bernardino Sanchez Luna has decided to join the force. Mexico’s President Andrés Manuel López Obrador had “taken an interest in Ayahuatlampa after seeing videos of the armed children in the media.” Lopez Obrador said last week, “Giving children weapons and taking videos is an act of cruelty.” According to the Post, “despite López Obrador’s comments and a condemnation from UNICEF, the children are still armed, and the government has not tried to intervene.”

Lisbon, Portugal Wrestles With Thread From Fake Drug Dealers

[Reuters](#) (2/8, Waldersee, Demy) reports from Lisbon, Portugal, “Whispering ‘Hashish? Cocaine?’, street vendors offering unsuspecting tourists in Lisbon’s center “drugs” which police say are often bay leaves, flour or ground paracetamol. According to Reuters, “Locals in Lisbon’s historic Santa Maria Maior district say the fake drugs phenomenon is getting more worrying police and business owners who fear tourists could start to steer clear of the Portuguese capital’s bustling center. ‘Everyone on my tours gets asked if they want drugs,’ Maarten, a Belgian tour guide working in Lisbon, said. ‘Some just buy but others don’t like it at all.’” Portugal, “which has long been popular for its beaches, historic sites and golf courses, has become reliant on tourism in recent years after government and businesses looked to it to drive growth after the 2008 crisis.” Reuters adds, “Drugs are not a new problem for the country, which decriminalized possession and consumption of a limited amount of drugs in 2001 after decades of high rates of heroin addiction,” but “while selling drugs is illegal, selling bay leaves or flour is not. At best, it is a breach of street licensing laws.”

Increase In Bank Robberies In Staten Island, New York Sparks NYPD Outreach

The [Staten Island \(NY\) Advance](#) (2/7, Hafizi) reports from Staten Island, New York, “Staten Islanders have seen a sharp increase in share of bank robberies and attempted heists in the borough over the last few weeks.” According to the Advance, “Some of those incidents have – at least for the moment – paid off for the robbers as they were able to flee the scene without being caught by employees using anti-theft countermeasures such as dye packs.” On Friday, “the NYPD could be seen at local financial institutions conducting community outreach in order to help prepare bank workers should the trend continue.” The Advance adds, “According to the NYPD’s 121st Precinct Twitter page, the precinct’s crime-prevention officer was at multiple bank branches in the borough training and educating staff on how to properly handle bank robberies. The recent robberies and attempted robberies at banks on Staten Island have been actively investigated by the NYPD.”

TECHNOLOGY

North Miami Beach Police Department Hit By Ransomware Attack

The [Miami Herald](#) (2/8, Smalls) reports, “The North Miami Beach Police Department is the latest agency to suffer a cyberattack.” According to the Herald, “City officials confirmed the breach Friday evening, saying they discovered the ransomware on Tuesday. The affected computer systems were immediately shut down, but public safety services have been interrupted, the city said. ‘Our Police Department continues to conduct all operations to keep our residents and streets safe,’ a statement from the city says, ‘and citizen calls for assistance will continue to be responded to promptly.’” The Herald’s ongoing investigation has yet to conclude whether other departments or services were hacked. Early indications suggest some might have escaped without incident, city officials said. Federal investigators are assisting with these efforts. According to the FBI, the number of ransomware attacks has increased 300 percent since 2015.”

Tech Companies Reported Nearly 70 Million Materials Related To Online Child Sexual Abuse

The [New York Times](#) (2/7, Dance, Keller) reports, “The number of reported photos, videos and other material related to online child sexual abuse grew by more than 50 percent last year, an indication that many of the world’s biggest tech platforms remain infested with the illegal content.” In all, “nearly 70 million images and videos were reported to the Center for Missing and Exploited Children,” a record number “driven by a surge in illegal videos.” One of the companies that submitted evidence to the center was Facebook, which “reported nearly 60 million photos and videos, more than 80 percent of the total. ... Instagram, owned by Facebook, was responsible for an additional 1.7 million photos and videos.” In addition, “Snapchat, Twitter and other social media companies also submitted reports of imagery. So did companies whose services include search engines and cloud storage.” In total, “164 companies submitted reports.”

GLOBAL SECURITY

Federal Prosecutors Say “White Rabbit” Militia Group Planned Multi-State Violence

[WLS-TV](#) (Chicago) (2/6, Goudie, Tressel, Weidner) reports from Chicago, “The Illinois-based ‘White Rabbit’ militia group has already been described by federal law enforcement officials as a domestic terror organization. Their alleged leaders have been arrested,” and “now, court records newly obtained by the ABC7 I-Team reveal a wider campaign of violence than first reported by authorities.” The group “had plans to unleash right-wing and white power-motivated attacks across several states,” agents say.” WLS-TV adds, “What authorities have already charged the three White Rabbit leaders with is bad enough to prosecutors. There was a 2017 firebomb attack on a mosque in Minnesota, allegedly to send a message to Muslims that they aren’t welcome in America,” and “there was an attempted attack later in 2017 on an abortion clinic in downstate Chicago.” Michael Hari, 48, “is now charged as the leader of the White Rabbit movement, based in the small Illinois town of Carthage.”

FRIDAY'S LEAD STORIES

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Baltimore County, Maryland Considers Voluntary Registry Of Security Cameras To Help Solve Crimes

The [Baltimore Sun](#) (2/6, Nobles) reports, "Baltimore County could create a registry of private security cameras as part of a bipartisan proposal from five council members who want to help police more quickly track down possible video evidence of crimes." The bill "would create a voluntary private security camera registry for property owners with devices pointed at public right-of-way, according to the proposal. The program would map where cameras are located to help detectives find possible security footage in areas where crimes happened." Council members "will discuss the proposal and conduct a public hearing on it at their Feb. 11 work session." The Sun adds, "Under the proposal the county would waive alarm permit fees for new alarm system installations – which start as low as \$34 for homes and \$113 for commercial buildings – that include private security or surveillance cameras if the owner signs up for the registry. The county would also waive fees for upgrades to current alarm systems that include those cameras."

Task Force To Study Off-Duty Jobs Of Minneapolis Police Officers

The [AP](#) (2/6) reports that Minneapolis, Minnesota "city leaders are looking for ways to better regulate officers' employment after concerns about police overwork may be causing fatigue and burnout that affects performance." The report notes, "Many officers work side jobs for the extra money, often providing security at nightclubs, sporting events and other establishments across the city. Work guidelines allow them to have off-duty assignments, so long as they get approval from their supervisor – an approval that's often verbal and made in informal settings, making it tough to track who is working."

for how long.” At a news conference on Wednesday, Minneapolis Mayor Jacob Frey “announced a new task force to better policies for off-duty workers, noting that fatigue is a real concern for officers taking on second jobs.”

More Than 1,500 Applications To Northern Ireland Police Force In 24 Hours

[BBC News Online \(UK\)](#) (2/6) reports that “more than 1,500 applications to the” Police Service of Northern Ireland “were received in the first 24 hours after the launch of Tuesday’s recruitment campaign. The police service is hoping 600 new officers.” BBC News adds, “On Thursday, Chief Constable Simon Byrne said the application process had been ‘streamlined’ in order to speed up the process. He said the minimum age for applying for a post had been pushed back to 16 years old. However, 18 remains the minimum age for taking up a post upon appointment.” According to BBC News, “at a Policing Board meeting on Thursday, Mr Byrne said the PSNI had run a social media campaign specifically targeted at young people and visited different faith groups in the hope of widening diversity in the police. It is hoping to attract more from the working class Protestants, ethnic minorities, women and members of the LGBT community.”

Some Law Enforcement Officials Balk At Managing Homeless People

The [Los Angeles Times](#) (2/6, Chabria) reports, “Political leaders at the local, state and federal levels are calling for policies that could directly or indirectly expand the responsibilities of cops in managing the tens of thousands of homeless people who live outdoors,” but “many rank-and-file officers are tired of being asked to be both social workers and enforcers, and are equally critical of such suggestions, arguing that they aren’t equipped to be the front line of this crisis.” The Times reports that in recent months, U.S. Housing and Urban Development Secretary Ben Carson, echoing rhetoric from President Trump’s possible crackdown on homeless encampments in California cities, called for “empowering and utilizing local law enforcement” in a letter to Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti.”

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CRIME & DRUGS

Pomona, California Police Conduct Gang Raids On Five Homes

The [Inland Valley \(CA\) Daily Bulletin](#) (2/6, Cain) reports a “string of recent shootings” in Pomona, California that “prompted a sweeping raid on the homes of suspected gang members in the city early Thursday, but no arrests tied to the crime appear to have been made.” The Pomona Police Department searched “five homes at around 4:30 a.m., arresting one man on an outstanding warrant for his arrest in San Bernardino County.” At least another six “were detained briefly, but released,” said Aly Mejia, a spokeswoman for the department.” Thursday morning’s operation was “conducted alongside th

and Azusa police departments, as well as an FBI gang task force.” An FBI spokeswoman “confirmed the agency assist raid.” In addition to the “outside agencies, two other units with Pomona police spearheaded the raid: Major Crimes Special Investigations Unit. The FBI gang task force included one Pomona officer assigned to that unit.”

US Charges 17 With Drug Violations In Indiana

[WFIE-TV](#) (2/6, Parker, Lyman) reports from Evansville, Indiana that US Attorney Josh J. Minkler on “announced federal charges against 17 people accused in a drug trafficking operation. He says some of those people members of the Evansville Grim Reapers Motorcycle Club.” Michael Gannon, “a DEA District Office Assistant Special strong message for these criminals. ‘We’re going to identify every single one of you that are pushing poison onto our community,’ Gannon stated. ‘We’re going to use every resource we can and we’re going to hold you accountable anywhere you belong.’” Federal officials “said the operation is all connected to one Owensboro man, Central Holman IV said he is the source of supply of meth.”

NYPD Data Show Crime Increased In NYC In January Over A Year Ago

The [Washington Free Beacon](#) (2/6, Lehman) reports, “Major crimes jumped in New York City in January,” over before. Overall, the NYPD data show “a 16.9 percent increase in ‘index crimes’” compared to January 2019, including 347 robberies, 116 assaults, 192 burglaries, 358 larcenies, and 243 car thefts” while there were “six fewer murders, shooting incidents,” and “25 fewer rapes.” The data also show “a 30 percent increase” in transit crimes.

US Contractor Reportedly Kidnapped In Afghanistan

[Reuters](#) (2/6, Sediqi, Ahmad) says it has been reported by Newsweek that “a 57-year old US contractor was abducted last week in Khost,” Afghanistan. According to Reuters, “Newsweek reported that U.S. officials believed a Taliban-linked Haqqani network, had orchestrated the abduction.” However, “Sources close to the Haqqani network denied kidnapping an American when contacted by Reuters,” and “a Taliban leader who declined to be named told Reuters they had kidnapped an American in Khost but did not provide further details.”

The [AP](#) (2/6) reports US officials “believe Mark Frerichs of Lombard, Illinois, was kidnapped by the Haqqani network and that “the investigation is being led by the FBI-led Hostage Recovery Fusion Cell.” Art Frerichs, “who identified himself as Mark Frerichs’ father, told an Associated Press reporter on Thursday that he believed the Newsweek report was true. ‘I don’t want to say any more now for security reasons,’ he said. ‘I have the utmost faith in President Trump and the FBI.’”

Experts See Uptick In White Supremacist Activity In New York

The [Buffalo \(NY\) News](#) (2/6, Michel) reports, “A self-proclaimed Lockport white supremacist said he defied Cheektowaga police after they charged him with littering for tossing Racial Nationalist Party of America literature onto lawns and lawns.” Karl Hand “said he was so upset over the ticket that he returned to Cheektowaga, before his trial last November, and took more of the literature. ‘I called it my day of defiance,’ said Hand, who was found guilty of littering and fined \$300 plus court fees.” The News adds, “Although the known distributions of white supremacy fliers in Western New York are still relatively low, Hand is not alone in this effort.” The Anti-Defamation League “maintains an online map of incidents it says involve hate motivated acts of aggression and dissemination of white supremacy propaganda. According to the map, there have been more than two dozen incidents in which white supremacy material was distributed in the Buffalo Niagara region since 2017. According to the News, “While experts say there is an increase in this type of activity locally and nationally, it is not clear how many people are involved in local white supremacist organizations.”

Louisiana Authorities Warn About Super Drug Called “Gray Death”

The [Houma \(LA\) Courier](#) (2/6) reports, “Terrebonne Parish Sheriff Jerry Larpenter addressed recent social media posts regarding a dangerous drug mixture called ‘gray death’ Tuesday.” The St. Mary Parish Sheriff’s Office “reported on Facebook last week it made recent arrests and seized the heroin-fentanyl mixture from suspects traveling across the parish.” According to the Courier, “The St. Mary Parish Sheriff’s Office reported on Facebook last week it made recent arrests and seized the heroin-fentanyl mixture from suspects traveling across the parish.”

Courier, “The so-called ‘super drug’ has a potency 10,000 times greater than morphine, the St. Mary Parish Sheriff’s Office said. The drug mixture is nothing new to Terrebonne Parish and has been encountered numerous times by narcotics agents several years, Larpenier said. Deputies and narcotics agents are trained to identify and handle the drugs.” Sheriff Larpenier urged residents to never handle any suspected narcotics. ‘Call law enforcement and let us deal with it,’ Larpenier said. ‘Harm from illegal narcotics found in homes, on the streets, in schools or in the trash can occur not only if they are touched, but also if they are inhaled.’ ‘This doesn’t apply just to powders. Pills and liquids can also have bad effects on people if precautions are not taken.’”

TECHNOLOGY

Google, YouTube And Venmo Send Cease-And-Desist Letters To Facial Recognition App That Hinder Law Enforcement

[CBS News](#) (2/5) reports that Google, YouTube and Venmo have sent cease-and-desist letters to Clearview AI, a facial recognition app that scrapes images from websites and social media platforms. The companies join Twitter, which sent a similar letter in January, in trying to block the app from taking pictures from their platforms. According to CEO Hoan Ton-That, Clearview AI can identify a person with 99.6% accuracy by comparing their picture to its database of three billion images from the Internet. The app is only available to law enforcement to be used for identifying criminals, Ton-That said, not for general surveillance. But tech companies say Clearview is violating their platform policies. “YouTube’s Terms of Service explicitly prohibit collecting data that can be used to identify a person. Clearview has publicly admitted to doing exactly that,” YouTube Spokesperson Alex Joseph said. Ton-That meanwhile argues that Clearview has a First Amendment right to access publicly available information. “The way we have built our system is to only take publicly available information and index it that way,” he said.

Child Safety Groups Object To Facebook’s Encryption Plans

[AFP](#) (2/6) reports from San Francisco, “More than 100 child protection organizations Thursday urged Facebook to abandon plans for strong encryption of all its platforms, saying that would allow predators to operate freely.” According to AFP, Facebook social network is working to extend end-to-end encryption across its messaging applications, including Facebook Messenger and Instagram. “The groups said they were concerned that stronger encryption of online exchanges would facilitate the spread of child pornography. ‘We urge you to recognize and accept that an increased risk of child abuse being facilitated on or through Facebook is not a reasonable trade-off to make,’ the groups led by the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children said in an open letter to Facebook founder and CEO Mark Zuckerberg. ‘Children should not be put in harm’s way either as a result of commercial decisions or design choices.’”

GLOBAL SECURITY

Extremist Blog Had Named Georgia Man Targeted In Neo-Nazi Plot

The [Atlanta Journal-Constitution](#) (2/6, Joyner) reports, “Three members of the neo-Nazi terror group The Base were taken under arrest and in custody in Rome awaiting an official indictment on charges they planned to murder a Bartow County man whom they believed to be antifascist activists.” The AJC adds, “The left-wing activist group Atlanta Antifascists released a statement last week stating the couple were not members of their group,” but “the statement pointed to a prominent nationalist blog which had listed one of the two people targeted, posted photos of him and published links to his business. ‘White supremacists have no concern for accuracy when they publish enemy lists or kill lists – precisely because their goal is to terrorize entire communities,’ the group said in a press release.” According to the AJC, “In an interview with the Atlanta Journal-Constitution, the blog’s author vehemently denied any connection with the plot or The Base, a related white supremacist sect that encourages its members to help bring about the downfall of society by carrying out violent acts.”

British ISIS Fighters To Be Put On Trial In Syria

The [Independent \(UK\)](#) (2/6) reports British ISIS fighters “could soon face trial in Syria under new plans announced by the Kurdish-led administration in the country’s northeast that holds thousands of prisoners.” More than 1,000 foreign fighters have been held in detention by the Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF) since the defeat of the terror group’s caliphate last year, many of whom were captured leaving the battlefield in its final weeks.” Among that number “are an estimated 10 British men and women, who are being held separately along with their children.”

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POLICING & POLICY

Chicago Police Announce Major Restructuring

The [Chicago Tribune](#) (1/30, Sweeney, Gorner) reports, "Interim Chicago police Superintendent Charlie Beck announced a massive restructuring Thursday that will move hundreds of detectives and narcotics and gang officers from specialized police districts, shifting resources to neighborhoods to better combat violence." The reorganization "also creates a new unit to carry out policing reforms required by a federal consent decree – headed by the highest-ranking African American in the department's history." The Tribune adds, "In another major change, Beck said counterterrorism would be the sole focus of another bureau, an operation that 'will get everything that they need,' he vowed." Beck's plan "lays much of the responsibility for the fight against violence on a deputy chief in each of five geographic areas, as well as the commanders in the city's police districts."

The [Chicago Sun-Times](#) (1/30, Main) reports, "The changes include assigning detectives from five regional units to the city's 22 police districts and creating a powerful bureaucracy to carry out civil-rights reforms." Beck "says it's not just that the police departments in Los Angeles and New York also assign their detectives to police stations – and that they have a powerful office of police reform." Beck "says he'll move detectives into police districts to solve assaults, robberies, burglaries and thefts. He hopes that change will be completed by the end of the year when the 22 district stations are expanded to accommodate them. Those detectives will answer to district commanders."

Georgia Senate Committee Passes Bill That Could Dissolve County Police Departments

The [Atlanta Journal-Constitution](#) (1/30) reports, "A proposed law that lays the groundwork to dissolve county police departments cleared a Georgia Senate panel Thursday despite passionate opposition from coastal elected officials. If passed, the measure could impact law enforcement in several metro Atlanta counties." The AJC adds, "Under Senate Bill 317, lawmakers could ask local voters whether they want to get rid of county police departments and let county sheriff's offices take over."

handle law enforcement. The bill passed the Senate Government Oversight Committee by a 5-4 vote.” State Sen. Wi “said he proposed the legislation in response to a Glynn County grand jury’s suggestion that county commissioners : whether the Police Department there should be dissolved. The county Board of Commissioners opposed dissolving t Department. ‘I spoke with law enforcement officials and lawyers and felt there was a good-faith reason to go forward said.”

FBI Will Not Run Background Checks On Missouri Medical Marijuana Employees Without Legi

The [Kansas City \(MO\) Star](#) (1/30, Thomas) reports, “Hundreds of hopefuls are expected at job fairs for the medical marijuana industry within the next week, but one legal hiccup may stand in their way of employment.” According to “Last May, the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) informed the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Service which licenses and regulates the state’s fledgling medical marijuana industry, that it will not have access to its national fingerprint background check database.” The Star adds, “The FBI’s reluctance was revealed during a legislative hearing Wednesday for a bill that is attempting to fix the situation.” The bill “was requested by DHSS, which was told by the will reconsider access if the state passes a law that codifies the need for the background checks.”

Art Historian Explains How Looking At Art Helps Police Officers Notice Details

[CNN](#) (1/30, O'Brien) reports, “A New York City detective was called to a crime scene in an industrial part of Brooklyn, where he was told a female prostitute had been found dead,” and “when the detective arrived, he noticed a small detail: The victim had matching well-manicured fingernails and toenails, an uncommon feature in the investigator’s with sex workers.” CNN adds, “The perfectly polished nails hinted that the Jane Doe was someone else. And she was a woman turned out to be a missing criminal justice grad student. The detective’s eye for detail directed him toward the According to CNN, “The incident with the Brooklyn investigator is a real example used by art historian Amy Herman in a seminar ‘The Art of Perception.’ The course utilizes fine art as a tool to test and strengthen perception skills and challenge inherent biases.” Herman’s 2016 book “Visual Intelligence” also “employs art’s unique ability to nudge viewers to think what’s in front of them. In the case with the detective, Herman recounted, ‘When he got to the crime scene, he said he remembered from your class: Look at the big picture, and look at the small details.’”

Calgary Police Will Routinely Perform Impaired Driving Checks

The [Calgary \(CAN\) Herald](#) (1/30, Babych) reports, “Every driver in Calgary can expect to blow into a roadside roadblock if they are pulled over or going through a Checkstop, due to an expansion of Calgary Police Service’s mandatory alcohol screening program.” Calgary police “are supplying screening devices to every front-line officer to ensure every driver is sober, and to save hundreds of lives a year nationwide. They’ve increased their arsenal of screening devices from about 160 to 300. Where there used to be about eight officers performing mandatory alcohol screening at any given time, there will now be a dozen.” “The Traffic Safety Act has always allowed us to stop motorists to check their sobriety,” said Const. Andrew Fairman, head of the alcohol and drug recognition unit. “The only thing that’s changing is that when we walk up to a vehicle, the first thing we’re going to do is provide that breath sample.”

Nearly 200 People Have Had Guns Seized Under New Jersey’s New “Red Flag” Law

[NJ News](#) (1/30, Atmonavage) reports, “Nearly 200 people in New Jersey have had their guns seized under a ‘red flag’ law that went into effect last year, according to data obtained by NJ Advance Media.” The Extreme Risk Protective Order Act, which went into effect Sept. 1, allows a law enforcement officer, family or household member to submit a petition to state court showing why a judge should issue an order to keep guns away from someone who potentially poses a danger to themselves or to others.” According to NJ News, “If the judge determines there is ‘good cause’ to believe a person poses a danger to themselves or to others, the judge will initially issue a temporary extreme risk protection order and a search warrant is executed to recover the guns, ammunition and firearms identification card from the person.” NJ News adds, “So far, 186 temporary extreme risk protection orders have been granted as of Jan. 22, according to the New Jersey Administrative Office of the Courts, and

more than one person a day has had their guns taken away – at least temporarily – in New Jersey since the law went into effect. In 25 cases, a petition was made but the temporary order was denied by a judge, according to court data.”

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IACP’s 40 Under 40 Award program is now accepting nominations for 2020! This award recognizes 40 law enforcement professionals under the age of 40 who exemplify leadership skills and commitment to their professions. Nominees can be from anywhere in the world and can serve in federal, state, local, or tribal law enforcement in sworn or non-sworn positions.

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CRIME & DRUGS

Report Finds More Americans Are Getting High Before Driving

[USA Today](#) (1/30, Hughes) says that a report published Thursday by the AAA Foundation found that “more Americans are getting high before driving...and public health officials say it’s a worrying trend that could lead to more deadly crashes on the nation’s roads.” In Washington state, “the number of THC-positive drivers involved in fatal crashes more than doubled in the five years after voters approved recreational marijuana use for adults, according to the report...which was based on collected data.” The study didn’t “examine whether the drivers were at fault for the crashes, but the data confirms long-held fears among public health officials that drivers think it’s OK to get behind the wheel while high.” Overall, alcohol-related crashes “remain a far larger problem than stoned drivers.” Federal statistics “say drivers are four times as likely to get behind the wheel after drinking than they are after consuming marijuana.”

The [Washington Post](#) (1/30, Kunkle) reports that the study by the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety “suggests that the growing use and acceptance of marijuana could be increasing the risks of driving, AAA officials said. ‘If a state were to legalize marijuana for recreational use, it’s reasonable to assume that THC-positive drivers will start to show up more in fatal crashes,’ said Jacob Nelson, AAA director of traffic safety advocacy and research,” but “AAA officials also acknowledge that the study found only a correlation, not a causative link. Over the study period, traffic fatalities declined overall. The study also identified some of the unknowns and difficulties that remain in consistently analyzing marijuana’s effects on drivers and creating a legal framework and law enforcement methods used to combat drunken driving,” and yet “safety activists said that as researchers learn, the greater the urgency in assessing the impact of marijuana’s legalization on highway safety and government action to address it.”

Final Suspect In Georgia Drug Operation Is Arrested In Texas

The [Atlanta Journal-Constitution](#) (1/30, Burns) reports, “The final suspect wanted in a monthslong drug and gun trafficking operation in Georgia has been arrested, federal authorities said Thursday.” Andrew Bravo Jimenez, “who is known as ‘Droopy,’ was taken into custody Wednesday afternoon by FBI agents in Dallas, Texas, according to U.S. Attorney Charlie Peeler.” Jimenez, 25, of Athens, Georgia “is charged with one count of conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute”

methamphetamine, heroin and crack cocaine, Peeler said,” and “his charges stem from a joint operation conducted Department of Justice, FBI and local police dubbed ‘Operation Benchwarmers,” which “netted nearly \$1 million worth of narcotics, more than \$84,000 in cash and 43 firearms, including eight assault rifles, AJC.com previously reported.”

Ohio Man Charged Over Multi-County Robbery Spree

The [Cleveland Plain Dealer](#) (1/30) reports David Johnson, who “is a suspect in at least 10 armed robberies since he has been “charged with two counts of aggravated robbery in Geauga County.” He was arrested Wednesday, and officers “recovered a gun and a ski mask in a stolen SUV, which they believe he used in the spree.”

Authorities Rescue New Jersey Minor Forced Into Prostitution

[Daily Voice](#) (1/30) reports that New Jersey State Police “rescued a 14-year-old girl who they said was forced into prostitution at an Atlantic City casino hotel,” and they “arrested the accused human traffickers, as well as a retired state correction officer who they said paid to have sex with the victim at his home.” Kurt C. Young “was seized Tuesday night on charges with sexual assault of a minor and engaging in prostitution with a minor.”

New York City Police Officer Seize Huge Drug Stash

The [Staten Island \(NY\) Advance](#) (1/30, Grunlund) reports, “Cops seized hundreds of pounds of weed and thousands of cannabis-oil cartridges during the raid of a unit at a storage facility on Staten Island, police said.” According to the Advance, the stash obtained on Wednesday by officers armed with a search warrant included 275 pounds of marijuana and 12,033 oil THC cartridges under two brand names, according to a spokeswoman for the NYPD’s Deputy Commissioner of Public Information.” The Advance adds, “The illegal items were found at about 5:30 p.m. inside a unit at the storage facility on Victory Blvd., in Travis, the police spokeswoman said. The contraband was hidden in a unit rented by an individual at the facility and the company is not accused of any wrongdoing, according to sources with knowledge of the investigation.”

TECHNOLOGY

Free FBI “Child ID” App Aimed At Saving Lost Children’s Lives

[WOI-TV](#) (Des Moines, IA) (1/30, Weber) reports from Knoxville, Tennessee, “The Child ID app is something parents want to have to use, but it’s a good form of insurance just in case their child does get lost.” The app “allows you to store important information about your child so law enforcement is able to obtain basic information easily and quickly.” “Jason Pack, a special agent with FBI Knoxville, said oftentimes parents of lost children have trouble thinking clearly in a shock. ‘In times of crisis, the parents I talked to when their child has gone missing, they’re really panicked and they don’t know what to do and you are just sometimes frozen with not knowing what to do next,’ Pack explained,” and “that’s why we created the free Child ID app in 2011-- because peace of mind is priceless. ‘We thought, hey, let’s find a solution for parents who may have their kids go missing, whether they’re abducted or they’re just missing at a mall or theme park or somewhere else,’ Pack said.”

IACP IN THE NEWS

Cheyenne, Wyoming Police Complete “One Mind” Campaign

The [Wyoming Tribune Eagle](#) (1/30) reports that Cheyenne, Wyoming Police Department officials “said of several department goals for 2019, they are most proud of accomplishing two main ones – reducing property crime and improving department mental health training.” According to the Tribune Eagle, “The first goal was to reduce property crime by 22% and the department actually achieved a 22% reduction.” The second goal “was to complete the International Association of Police ‘One Mind’ Campaign. CPD is the only agency in Wyoming to complete this national campaign.” The department “established a partnership with Cheyenne Regional Medical Center and Peak Wellness to have counselors ride with officers.”

respond to mental health calls,” and “also implemented a model policy in dealing with people in crisis and trained a Mental Health First Aid.”

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US Launches Task Force To Address Violence Against Native American Women

The [Washington Times](#) (1/29, Mordock) reports the Administration “launched a task force to tackle what is described as an ‘epidemic’ of abductions, abuse and violence against Native American women.” The newly launched a joint operation of the Justice, Interior and Health and Human Services departments, held its first meeting in Wash set its goals for addressing what Native American activists say is a long-ignored problem.” The [AP](#) (1/29) also r

Florida Governor Is Asked To Reexamine “Stand Your Ground” Case

The [AP](#) (1/29) reports from Fort Lauderdale, Florida, “In a case involving Florida’s controversial ‘stand your grc Gov. Ron DeSantis has been asked to reinvestigate the fatal shooting of a drunken, unarmed man who mistakenly pc wrong door in the middle of the night.” The AP adds, “A request to appoint a special prosecutor in the case was mac attorney Mark O’Mara, best known as the defense attorney for George Zimmerman, who was acquitted on murder (the internationally publicized shooting of Trayvon Martin more than six years ago.” O’Mara “is representing the fath Modell, who was fatally shot by Steve Taylor in March 2016 at the Fort Myers condominium complex where both liv According to the AP, “In both the Martin and Modell slayings, prosecutors cited the ‘stand your ground’ law in decid initially, not to prosecute. The law says people who justifiably believe they face death or great bodily harm can use c without first retreating, but they cannot be the confrontation’s instigator.”

NYPD To Focus On Preventing Youth Crime

The [Wall Street Journal](#) (1/29, Chapman, Subscription Publication) reports that the New York Police Departme

launching new programs aimed at preventing youth crime, including the introduction of youth-coordination officers precinct and a new computerized crime-tracking and reporting system. NYPD Commissioner Dermot Shea said on Wednesday that the programs constitute a new strategy for the department in response to a 2019 increase in violent crimes involving people.

Florida To Train Officers To Spot Potential Mass Shooters

The [AP](#) (1/29) reports from Lake Buena Vista, Florida, “Florida law enforcement officers will be trained to spot mass shooters before they act under a program rolling out this summer, Florida’s governor and top law enforcement Wednesday.” According to the AP, “When the program is implemented, Florida will be the first state in the nation to statewide plan for identifying such threats and taking action to intervene, said Gov. Ron DeSantis and Florida Department of Law Enforcement Commissioner Richard Swearingen at a news conference at a Walt Disney World resort.” The program will begin in July with the introduction of a curriculum for recruits at police academies around the state. Training will then be offered to patrol officers and deputies, investigators and law enforcement executives, Swearingen said.”

Vermont Lawmakers To Consider Police Use-Of-Force Bill

The [AP](#) (1/29) reports, “A Vermont House bill would call for police to use lethal force only when absolutely necessary to make the investigation process after shootings more transparent.” The bill “is based on a similar bill in California that was signed into law in August and is one of the strongest use-of-force laws in the country, WCAX-TV reported Tuesday.” The bill “would call for police force only when absolutely necessary and when other human lives are at risk.” Police “contend that a fraction of the hundreds of thousands of calls received each year result in confrontation, with even fewer resulting in shootings,” and “public safety officials recommend investing more in mental health services upfront to prevent such confrontations and recommend expanding programs that equip police departments with a social worker to better address issues as they arise.”

Indiana Lawmakers Advance Ban On Drivers Using Handheld Phones

The [AP](#) (1/29) reports, “The Indiana House endorsed a proposal Wednesday that would ban motorists from using handheld cellphones, a step that supporters say is aimed at combating distracted driving.” According to the AP, “House members voted 86-10 in favor of the bill that only permits cellphone use with hands-free or voice-operated technology in emergencies. The bill would broaden the state’s current ban on texting while driving that officials have said is unenforced and doesn’t include actions such as emailing, using apps such as Snapchat or viewing videos.” The AP notes that 21 other states have similar bans.

Police In UK Use Dolly Parton Challenge To Find Wanted Suspects

[Fox News](#) (1/29, Wallace) reports, “British police jumped on the social media bandwagon Tuesday by taking part in the viral Dolly Parton Challenge, creating memes of suspects wanted for a number of offenses, including burglary.” According to Fox News, “Cleveland Police UK in northeastern England shared four images of 32-year-old Scott Mizsei, deeming each a ‘wanted man’ for his profiles on LinkedIn, Facebook, Instagram or Tinder. ‘Have you seen wanted man Scott Mizsei, 32? He is wanted for his connection with a number of offences including aggravated burglary,’ the tweet said. ‘Do not approach him if you see him. Call 101 with info RE his whereabouts. Thanks @DurhamPolice for inspiring our post!’” The department “nodded to the Dolly Parton Challenge in the neighboring county, which used the Dolly Parton Challenge last week to ask the public for help finding a suspect in Bishop.” Police departments “on both sides of the pond in the United Kingdom, the United States and even Canada participated in the social media craze by sharing images of police dogs in their K9 units.”

Tight Security Promised At Super Bowl LIV In Miami

The [AP](#) (1/29, Anderson) reports from Miami, “Florida and federal law enforcement agencies preparing for the Super Bowl this Sunday at Hard Rock Stadium in Miami Gardens say they are ready for anything, including a detonated bomb or

food poisoning, but haven't identified any threats." The AP adds, "Events for the 54th Super Bowl, between the Kansas City Chiefs and the San Francisco 49ers, kicked off Monday around South Florida, with an interactive Super Bowl Experience at Miami Beach and Super Bowl Live at Miami's Bayfront Park. It's a lot of mileage to patrol, but officials say they are well prepared. They had been planning for months and running drills." Maj. Ed Caneva, "the Miami-Dade Police Department operations manager for the NFL title game, said they identify a raft of different scenarios. 'We have been training and addressing anything that could happen,' he said."

[Reuters](#) (1/29, Brown) reports, "Ensuring the safety of fans and players at this year's Super Bowl in Miami is an extraordinary deployment of law enforcement assets, even by recent standards, in keeping with heightened global concerns over fears of home-grown violence." Reuters adds, "The show of force stands in stark contrast from the relatively easy-going atmosphere that prevailed in the late 1960's, when Miami hosted its first Super Bowls." According to Reuters, "Super Bowl 50 is a so-called SEAR 1 event, affording it the highest level of federal resources, including explosive detection canine teams, risk assessments and air security. Coordinated by the U.S. Secret Service, the security force includes operations by the National Guard, FBI, and Department of Homeland Security. Local police departments from Miami-Dade County, Miami Beach and the city of Miami will lead a massive ground operation with thousands of officers. Miami alone has deployed nearly 1,500 officers on foot, horseback, in boats, and in the air, Miami Police Chief Jorge Colina said at a news conference on Wednesday.

[CNN](#) (1/29, Simon) reports, "After more than a year of planning, the National Football League and law enforcement officials said they are ready for this week's Super Bowl and related events." The FAA has also "issued temporary flight restrictions in the area in the days leading up to the Super Bowl and the game, law enforcement officials said." Drones are "banned around the Miami Beach Convention Center for the NFL Super Bowl Experience, a pro-football interactive event at Miami Beach, and Bayfront Park for Super Bowl Live, a free fan fest, during the days leading up to Sunday, the FAA said. Hard Rock Stadium is "a 'No Drone Zone' on Sunday, the FAA said."

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COMMUNITY

Hundreds Gather In Michigan For Community Anti-Semitism Forum

[C & G Newspapers](#) (1/29) reports from Farmington Hills, Michigan that the pews of the Adot Shalom Synagogue were "filled to the brim" on January 23 as "more than 600 people came together to discuss the increase of anti-Semitism in the Jewish community." The event was coordinated and "hosted by the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Detroit, t

Community Relations Council and the Anti-Defamation League.” The event was moderated “by David Kurzmann, the director of community and donor relations for the Jewish Federation, and it was paneled by several regional rabbis, from the FBI’s Detroit Division and a representative from the ADL.” The community forum was “hosted to bring together members of the Jewish faith and others to discuss the rise in anti-Semitism, and to demonstrate solidarity and strengthen and encourage action, Kurzmann said.”

CRIME & DRUGS

Law Enforcement Authorities Raid Los Angeles Church In Human Trafficking Investigation

The [AP](#) (1/29, Melley) reports, “Federal agents raided a Philippines-based church in Los Angeles early Wednesday in a human trafficking investigation that led to arrests of two church leaders in what prosecutors said was a decades-long effort to trick followers into becoming fundraisers and arrange sham marriages to keep them in the U.S.” Among those arrested was a local leader of the Kingdom of Jesus Christ church and “a worker who confiscated passports of the victims of the scheme,” a U.S. attorney’s office said.” According to the article, “an FBI agent investigating the case documented 82 sham marriages over a 20-year period and tracked \$20 million raised between 2014 and the middle of last year that was sent back to the church in the Philippines.”

The [New York Times](#) (1/29, Vigdor) reports the leaders of the church “brought church members to the U.S. under false pretenses, often telling them that they were invited to be special guests at a concert supporting the church’s ministry, federal prosecutors said.” However, “once the church members arrived in the United States, their passports were immediately taken away by the three church administrators, who then forced them to collect donations for the Child Welfare Foundation, a nonprofit run by the church that claims to help impoverished children in the Philippines, according to a complaint.” Workers who met “steep fund-raising quotas” were “forced into sham marriages with other church members to obtain student visas so they could stay in the country, prosecutors said.”

Sixth Virginia Store Robbed By “Scream Bandit”

[WWBT-TV](#) (1/29, Domingo) reports Richmond Police are reporting “another business was robbed by a masked man called ‘Scream Bandit.’” The latest incident occurred around 8 p.m. Sunday night. Officials say the masked man “demanded money at gunpoint from the clerk, before running off with an undisclosed amount of cash” before fleeing on foot. A clerk “at Lucky’s Convenience Store that was working on Wednesday morning, he was there that night the bandit robbed the store and nobody was hurt.” The suspect is linked to five additional armed robberies in the area. The FBI tells said that “investigators are under the impression that it’s the same person” in each incident. Investigators continue to “close in on him through an effort with the FBI and local police.” According to Dee Rybiski of the FBI, “We’ve been lock-step with them the entire time. We have a central VA crimes task force, with personnel from the city of Richmond, Chesterfield Police, Henrico, and surrounding areas.” Rybiski “adds that the bandit will be facing federal charges when he’s caught, but warns witnesses to leave the work area and contact authorities.”

TECHNOLOGY

Report: EU No Longer Considering Facial Recognition Ban

[Reuters](#) (1/29, Chee) reports that, according to the latest draft of its white paper, the European Commission “has scrapped the possibility of a ban on facial recognition technology in public spaces.” The proposal is attempting to “address the challenges of AI,” and the organization “is currently seeking feedback before it presents its plan on Feb. 19.”

GLOBAL SECURITY

The Base Linked To Swedish Arson

[Vice](#) (1/29, Kamel, Lamoureux, Makuch) reports, “Last fall, part of a mink farm in Sweden was mysteriously burned to the ground and police couldn’t figure out why,” and “while the crime remains unsolved by authorities, evidence appears to point to an eco-fascist cell within The Base – an American neo-Nazi terror group under intense FBI investigation – is responsible for the arson.” Vice adds, “Through confidential sources and online records, VICE believes the crime was allegedly committed by a teenage member of The Base living in Sweden, who first claimed the attack in a video on iFunny, a popular meme-sharing website.” The arson “is new evidence of the international reach of The Base, whose leader is believed to be based in Petersburg, Russia, and its ability to covertly plot and carry out criminal acts outside of the United States. ‘Eco-fascist ideology experiencing a revival among the far-right, which blames the demise of the environment on overpopulation, immigration, and over-industrialization, problems that followers think could be partly remedied through the mass return of refugees in Western countries.’”

UN Report Warns ISIS Is Reasserting Under New Leader

[CNN](#) (1/29, Cruickshank) reports the finding that ISIS “is regenerating under a new leader challenges the narrative emanating from the White House.” Earlier this month President Trump stated, “Three months ago, after destroying the group and its territorial caliphate, we killed the savage leader of ISIS, al-Baghdadi, who was responsible for so much death, the mass beheadings of Christians, Muslims and all who stood in his way.” But the UN findings “parallel the assessments of US counter-terrorism officials.” This assessment “persisted after Baghdadi’s demise.” The day before ISIS “announced a new leader in late October, Russell Travers, the acting director of the National Counterterrorism Center, testified that Hajj was a potential successor.”

Seven Plead Guilty To Terrorism Charges In Northern Ireland

[BBC News Online \(UK\)](#) (1/29) reports, “Seven men have pleaded guilty to terrorist charges arising from a covert operation against the Continuity IRA (CIRA).” BBC News adds, “The undercover bugging operation focused on a house in County Down, in 2014. The men were due to go on trial on 3 February 2020. They were re-arraigned at the request of defence lawyers at Belfast Crown Court on Wednesday.” According to BBC News, “Patrick Joseph ‘Mooch’ Blair, 64, of White Heights, Warrenpoint, County Down; Liam Hannaway, 50, of White Rise, Dunmurry, Belfast; John Sheehy, 35, of Erskine Newry, and Colin Patrick Winters, 48, of Ardcarne Park, Newry, admitted belonging or professing to belong to a proscribed organisation, providing weapons and explosives training, conspiring to possess explosives, firearms and ammunition to endanger life.” They “further admitted conspiracy to possess explosives, firearms and ammunition with intent, and acts of terrorism.”

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POLICING & POLICY

Senators Say US Has Released Some Las Vegas Shooting Survivor Funds

The [AP](#) (1/27) reports from Las Vegas, Nevada, "Federal officials have released some of a \$16.7 million grant to survivors of the October 2017 mass shooting on the Las Vegas Strip, Nevada's U.S. senators said." According to the [AP](#), Catherine Cortez Masto and Jacky Rosen issued a statement Friday saying funds were released after they wrote to U.S. Attorney General William Barr on Jan. 15 saying that money promised for July through December 2019 had not been disbursed by the Department of Justice." The senators "said the delay hurt service providers' ability to plan and provide aid to survivors and family members affected by the deadliest mass shooting in modern American history." The Justice Department "announced a grant in November 2018 under its Antiterrorism and Emergency Assistance Program for crime victims," and "it said it intended for counseling and therapy, vocational rehabilitation and trauma recovery for concert attendees, staff and first responders, law enforcers, medical personnel and others."

US Government Privacy Watchdog Under Pressure To Back Facial Recognition Ban

[The Hill](#) (1/27, Rodrigo) reports, "The Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board (PCLOB), an independent agency coming under increasing pressure to recommend the federal government stop using facial recognition." According to [The Hill](#), "Forty groups, led by the Electronic Privacy Information Center, sent a letter Monday to the agency calling for the suspension of facial recognition systems 'pending further review.' 'The rapid and unregulated deployment of facial recognition poses a threat to 'the precious liberties that are vital to our way of life,'" the advocacy groups wrote. The PCLOB 'has a unique responsibility, set out in statute, to assess technologies and policies that impact the privacy of Americans after 9-11 ;

recommendations to the President and executive branch,' they wrote." The letter "cited a recent New York Times report on Clearview AI, a company which claims to have a database of more than 3 billion photos and is reportedly collaborating with hundreds of police departments."

Emails Show Local Virginia Officials Doubting Validity Of Gun Sanctuaries

The [Washington Post](#) (1/27, Vozzella) reports rural Virginia counties that have "declared themselves Second Amendment 'sanctuaries'" are defying "legal advice in some cases, ignoring warnings from county attorneys and administrators that sanctuary resolutions are legally meaningless and dangerously confusing." Emails obtained under the Freedom of Information Act by Everytown for Gun Safety, show "local officials questioning the validity of sanctuary resolutions that were being adopted by Virginia counties, cities and towns as the new Democratic majorities in the state legislature prepared to sweeping gun control measures." The messages "also describe confusion among residents about whether living in a gun sanctuary would remove limits on how guns could be bought and sold."

Kentucky Senate Passes Bill Requiring Armed School Officers

The [AP](#) (1/27, Schreiner) reports the Kentucky Senate "overwhelmingly passed legislation Monday to require 10 school officers be armed when assigned to schools." The bill is in response to the 2018 shooting at Marshall County High School in western Kentucky that killed two students and injured more than a dozen others. Republican state Sen. Max Wise, "lead sponsor, said Monday that students deserve the same type of protection given lawmakers at the state Capitol."

Cleveland City Council Approves Lesser Penalties For Low-Level Marijuana Possession

The [Cleveland Plain Dealer](#) (1/27, Higgs) reports that the Cleveland, Ohio City Council on Monday "voted to effectively eliminate prosecution of low-level marijuana possession in Cleveland." The council "voted 15-2 to eliminate any fine for possession of marijuana of up to 200 grams (about 7 ounces). People convicted of minor misdemeanor and misdemeanor possession also would not carry a criminal record and would not be required to report the conviction on application for employment and licenses." The ordinance "does not make changes to penalties for higher level marijuana crimes." Cleveland Mayor Frank Jackson is expected to sign the legislation into law later this week. The Plain Dealer notes that "possession of marijuana remains illegal under state law. Federal law still considers marijuana to be on the same level as more serious drugs such as cocaine and heroin."

Detroit Police's Focus On Black-Market Marijuana Sales Nets Arrests, Guns

The [Detroit News](#) (1/27, Hunter) reports, "Police say they've made 19 arrests and confiscated 11 guns as part of a new enforcement effort aimed at illegal marijuana sales." Detroit police Chief James Craig last week "announced a plan to target people carrying guns illegally during black-market marijuana sales, which he said was helping drive a recent spike in gun crime." Police "say the operation, which began Jan. 22, has resulted in: 19 Felony arrests. Offenses include four for carrying concealed weapons, drug violations and one warrant. 4 marijuana-related misdemeanor arrests. 11 guns seized (two handguns). 115 ordinances issued (including 21 misdemeanor tickets). 10 vehicles seized."

Georgia Officials Make Case For Stronger Anti-Gang Laws

The [AP](#) (1/27) reports that Georgia Gov. Brian Kemp's administration "is seeking to persuade lawmakers of the need to tighten Georgia's gang laws." The AP adds, "Georgia Bureau of Investigation Director Vic Reynolds, Attorney General Brad Raffensperger and others told a House-Senate panel Monday that gangs are a serious problem needing further action." GBI "wants to strengthen a state law it already touts as the nation's strongest. Perhaps most controversially, GBI wants the power to investigate gang crimes without an invitation from local officials, as is needed now. Reynolds told The Associated Press he anticipates 'open discussions' with sheriffs and others who might be hesitant over that authority." Reynolds "said he wants changes that would clarify that each separate act listed in the state's 2010 anti-gang law could be prosecuted as a separate offense, allowing prosecutors to load up charges with hefty potential prison sentences for gang members."

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CRIME & DRUGS

Two Plead Guilty In Pennsylvania Bombing Spree

The [Allentown \(PA\) Morning Call](#) (1/27, Schroeder) reports, “For a criminal case that began so explosively, the case of so-called ‘Bucks County Bomber’ David Surman and his girlfriend Tina Smith were delivered with few sparks Monday. According to the Morning Call, “The only issue that threatened to derail the plea agreements that led to a short jail sentence for Surman, and probation for Smith, was a potential ban on them living together after Surman is released. But “after a brief recess for Bucks County Judge Ray McHugh to confirm that probation officials would bend the rule and allow Surman and Smith, who have lived together for 13 years, the pleas were accepted.” Surman, 32, “pleaded guilty to possession of explosives, possession of mass destruction and conspiracy to possess weapons of mass destruction, for building and detonating at least eight homemade bombs along rural roads in Milford and Bridgeton townships in the summer of 2018,” and Smith, 32, “was driving Surman around during his late-night bomb throwing spree, which jolted residents awake and led to a flood of police calls. Smith, who pleaded guilty to one count of possession of explosive incendiary devices with the intent to use.”

The [Inquirer \(PA\)](#) (1/27, Vella) reports that Surman “was the focus of a monthslong FBI-aided manhunt in Bucks County. Neighbors and residents in the rural tip of the county complained of mysterious late-night explosions.” Surman “was finally connected to the bombings – some of which left large craters along country roads – when a state trooper spotted him and his girlfriend, fleeing the scene of one explosion.” Surman “told Judge Raymond F. McHugh that he had ‘acted with immaturity’ by building and detonating the bombs, but ‘never with malice.’ ‘I want the community to know they are safe,’ Surman said.”

Psychiatrist Says New York Hanukkah Party Attack Suspect Incompetent

The [Lower Hudson Valley \(NY\) Journal News](#) (1/27, Lieberman) reports from Ramapo, New York, “A psychiatrist who evaluated Grafton Thomas found the 37-year-old’s mental illness makes him incompetent to stand trial on federal hate crime charges accusing him of using a machete to attack Jews attending a Hanukkah party at a rabbi’s house on Dec. 28, at the home of his attorney.” Attorney Michael Sussman “released a statement Monday that Dr. Andrew Levin concluded ‘Mr. Thomas is not competent to stand trial’ and has asked a federal judge to hold what he termed a competency evaluation.” Sussman said Thomas’ mother “has maintained that his mental illness and going without his medication triggered the vicious attack on six Hasidic Jews injured, including 72-year-old Josef Neumann, who remains in a coma with a fractured skull. They claim Thomas had no violent tendencies – despite one arrest on a charge of assaulting a police officer – nor was he anti-Semitic.”

Mother Of Two Missing Idaho Children Found In Hawaii

[USA Today](#) (1/27, Leingang, Garcia) reports, “Police in Hawaii say the mother of two missing Idaho children has been found in the state, along with her new husband, but the children still have not been located.” The Kaua’i Police Department is currently searching for the children.

“announced Sunday that Lori Vallow and Chad Daybell had been staying on Kaua’i, and that they were served with a document on Saturday ordering Lori Vallow to produce the children. On Sunday, police executed a search warrant.”’ 17, and Joshua “JJ” Vallow, 7, “have been missing since September 2019. Police say their mother, now named Lori Vallow Daybell, and her new husband initially lied to investigators about where the children were. When police returned to Idaho to question them, the adults had disappeared.”

The [AP](#) (1/27, Boone) reports from Boise, Idaho, “Police say the mother of two missing kids has been found along with her new husband, but there’s still no sign of the children in the cross-country investigation that includes two mysterious deaths.” Police in Kauai “pulled over Lori Vallow and Chad Daybell near a beachside resort on Saturday, looking for them and their car for any evidence,” but “authorities in Idaho say there’s no sign that” the children “ever returned to Hawaii, and federal, state and local law enforcement agencies are still searching for the kids who haven’t been seen since September.”

Man Arrested In 2007 California Cold Case Is Suspected Of Killing Five Of His Infant Children

The [San Francisco Chronicle](#) (1/27, Cabanatuan) reports, “In a case described as ‘both chilling and heartbreaking,’ Yolo County, state and FBI officials on Monday announced the arrest of a man suspected of killing five of his infant children in five separate murders between 1992 and 2001.” Perez, 57, “an inmate at Kern Valley State Prison in Delano, was arrested on suspicion of five separate murders, including a baby boy whose body was found in a slough near Woodland in 2007, said Yolo County Sheriff Tom Lopez. Officials confirmed the boy’s identity in October.” The Chronicle adds, “Investigators from a cold-case task force used DNA to identify the baby, find the infant’s father and link him to four more infant deaths – all of his own children – in the slough through 2001, Lopez said.”

The [AP](#) (1/27) reports from Woodland, California, “An arrest has been made in the death of an infant who was found in 2007 by a fisherman in California, and the person is also suspected in the killings of four other babies, authorities announced Monday.” According to the AP, “The arrest came after the infant was found in Woodland-area slough in 2007 inside a shoebox identified in October, the Yolo County Sheriff’s Office said.” The AP adds, “The same suspect is being investigated in connection with the deaths of four other babies under the age of 6 months, the office said, but declined to provide any other information.”

The [Woodland \(CA\) Daily Democrat](#) (1/27, Kemp) reports, “The discovery of a baby’s lifeless body in a wafting slough outside of Woodland has ‘haunted’ his department since 2007, Sheriff Tom Lopez said,” and “a break in the cold case has brought a little comfort as it became clear the child’s death was part of a horrifying string of homicides involving four of his infant children.” Yolo County officials “announced the arrest of 57-year-old Paul Allen Perez of Delano during a press conference at Yolo County Jail on Monday morning. Paul Allen Perez, 57, of Delano, is accused of killing five of his children while they were infants in five separate murders between 1992 and 2001.”

The [East Bay \(CA\) Times](#) (1/27, Smith) reports, “The FBI was sent the remains of the infant – discovered in a submerged shoebox by a fisherman – in 2007 hoping that any DNA information would be found to make an identification.”

[BuzzFeed News](#) (1/27, Baer) reports, “Officials uploaded the infant’s genetic profile into CODIS, the FBI’s criminal justice DNA database, but for years, no matches were found. It wasn’t until October 2019 when investigators using new DNA techniques identified the baby as Nikko Lee Perez, a baby boy who was born on Nov. 8, 1996, in Fresno.”

US Charges Five In Bust Of Pennsylvania-New Jersey Gun, Drug Ring

The [Inquirer \(PA\)](#) (1/27, Shaw) reports, “The AK-47 rifle used in the shooting that killed 2-year-old Nikolette Rios at her Kensington home last year has been recovered in Camden, law enforcement officials from Pennsylvania and New Jersey announced Monday.” The Inquirer adds, “The weapon was among 36 guns recovered, according to New Jersey Attorney General Gurbir S. Grewal, Pennsylvania Attorney General Josh Shapiro, police, and federal authorities, who spoke at a news conference at the Camden County Police Administration Building in Camden.” Authorities, “who dubbed the case ‘Operation Zorro,’ charged five people involved in a major Philadelphia-based ring that illegally trafficked numerous guns and methamphetamine. Two in Camden have been charged.” According to the Inquirer, “The AK-47 that killed Nikolette was sold by the ring in December 2019 in Camden, officials said, adding that authorities at the time did not know it had been used in that shooting.”

The [Cherry Hill \(NJ\) Courier-Post](#) (1/27, Trethan) reports from Camden, New Jersey, “Guns used in the coroner’s case were recovered in Camden, New Jersey, officials said.”

crimes – armed robberies, shootings and even murders – ‘have a nasty tendency to pop up in multiple crimes,’ said Attorney General Josh Shapiro on Monday at Camden County Police headquarters,” but “once those guns cross state Shapiro said, ‘they seemingly vanished, effectively wiping the slate clean for deadly weapons, which allow them to c hands more and more, and allow them to claim more lives.’” On Monday, Shapiro “was joined in Camden by his Nev counterpart, Attorney General Gurbir Grewal, as well as Camden County Police Chief Joe Wyszocki and representati Philadelphia Police Department, New Jersey State Police, FBI, ATF, Camden County Prosecutor’s Office and other law enforcement agencies to announce that five people were charged in connection with a gun trafficking ring that nett weapons, drugs and dynamite.”

[NJ News](#) (1/27, Nelson) reports that the investigation “focused on two men: Robert Crosley III, 32, and M Zoba, 38, both of Philadelphia. (Crosley was also known as ‘Zombie,’ and the takedown was called ‘Operation Zombi accused of masterminding the operation.”

The [Essex \(NJ\) Daily Voice](#) (1/27, DeMarco) reports, “The attorneys general’s offices in both states worked with NJ State Police, Philadelphia police and the FBI, DEA and ATF in ‘Operation Zombie,’ which produced the arrest: alleged ring members from Philadelphia who authorities said brought guns and meth into Camden.” [WPVI-TV](#) (1/27) also reports on its website.

TECHNOLOGY

Indian Law Enforcement Officials Seek To Break Encryption In Fight Against Child Pornography

[Reuters](#) (1/27, Kalra, Ghoshal) reports, “Indian enforcement agencies should be able to break end-to-end enci hunt down distributors of child pornography online, a parliamentary panel has urged as the south Asian nation look social media.” Reuters adds, “The panel met officials of companies such as Google, Twitter, Facebook and WhatsApp preparing Saturday’s report, which will be considered by several ministries in drafting future policies and law. ‘It is a our collective conscience,’ the panel said in the 21-page report reviewed by Reuters, referring to child pornography. According to Reuters, “It sought the ‘breaking of end-to-end encryption to trace distributors of child pornography’, s should require that the originator or sender of such messages be traced once law enforcement becomes aware of th such content.” The “call comes as India finalizes other rules to force social media giants to deploy automated tools a unlawful content, fanning industry fears that more regulation could boost compliance requirements.”

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The [New York Times](#) (1/24, Satariano) reported London's police department "said on Friday that it would begi facial recognition technology in the city to identify people off the street in real time with video cameras, adopting a surveillance that is rare outside of China." According to the Times, "The decision is a major development in the use (technology that has set off a worldwide debate about the balance between security and privacy." While police depa "contend that the software gives them a technological edge to catch criminals that may otherwise avoid detection," the technology is an invasion of privacy and is being rolled out without adequate public discussion."

Indiana Law Enforcement Back Proposed Cell Phone Ban For Motorists

The [AP](#) (1/25) reported from Evansville, Indiana, "Law enforcement agencies in Indiana say a bill to prohibit dr using their cell phones in any way while driving would make the state's roadways a lot safer than they are." Accordir "The ban that was authored by State Rep. Holli Sullivan of Evansville cleared the Roads and Transportation Committ and now awaits action by the full House. Because the legislation is on Gov. Eric Holcomb's priority list for this year's seems likely the bill will ultimately pass." The AP added, "Law enforcement can now ticket drivers for texting," but "s motorists are allowed to do everything from typing a phone number to scrolling through their contacts, they say the extremely difficult to enforce," and "that, they say, puts drivers and pedestrians in danger. 'It poses a risk to everyon they may not see the light changing, the child running across the street,' Vanderburgh County Sheriff Dave Wedding Evansville Courier & Press."

Connecticut Democrats Propose New Police Department To Investigate “Far-Right” Extremists

The [Washington Times](#) (1/24, Chasmar) reported, “Connecticut Democrats in the state’s Senate have propose new state police department that would be tasked with specifically combating ‘far-right’ extremism.” The proposal ‘publicly fund a new state police department that specializes in investigating ‘far-right extremist groups and individuals according to a news release.’ The Times added that Senate President Pro Tem Martin Looney “said the proposal is a combating ‘potential’ hate crimes but stressed that his caucus has no intention of persecuting people for their political views.” the Hartford Courant reported.”

US Transportation Secretary Defends Push For Drone Regulation

On [Fox Business Mornings with Maria](#) (1/24), Transportation Secretary Chao outlined the need for drone regulation. Chao said, “There are about 1.5 million drones now and there about 150,000 what’s called ‘drone operators,’ so this is a job that didn’t exist five years ago, much less when I was secretary of labor.” Chao added, “There’s a big commercial space for this.” Chao continued, “What we are seeing now is that there’s an explosion of drones and right now we don’t really know how to identify them.” According to Chao, “I think the military and law enforcement are very concerned...and they want a more robust identification program, so...I announced that we have a new rule seeking public comment that asks about how do we deal with identifying drones.”

Alaska Lawmakers Propose Changes To Public Safety Program

The [AP](#) (1/25) reported, “Alaska legislators have proposed changes to key elements of the state’s Village Public Safety Officer Program.” The AP adds, “One in three communities in the state has no police of any kind, Anchorage Daily News reported Friday in partnership with ProPublica.” The US Department of Justice “subsequently declared the public safety program a federal emergency, officials said.” According to the AP, “The 40-year-old program uses state money to train and pay officers working in remote villages, but the number of officers fell to a record-low 38 compared to the more than 100 in 2011 in the working group said.” The program’s “inability to recruit and retain officers magnifies the lack of law enforcement in rural communities across the state, Anchorage Daily News and ProPublica said.” The working group “spent five months working to fix the program, which includes placing more certified officers in rural Alaska, increasing morale among current officers and retaining village-based first responders who know their communities best, legislators said.”

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COMMUNITY

San Diego Police Planning To Conduct Safety Operation On Sunday

[City News Service \(CA\)](#) (1/25) reported the San Diego Police Department “plans a safety operation from 10 a.m. Sunday aimed at educating bicyclists, drivers and pedestrians on traffic laws, rules and responsibilities, according to McCullough.” Said McCullough, “These violations include, but are not limited to, drivers speeding, making illegal turn yield to pedestrians in crosswalks, and failing to stop for signs and signals.” A grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration is funding the operation.

CRIME & DRUGS

Threatening Emails Leave Students, Faculty At Wake Forest University Rattled

The [AP](#) (1/25, Foreman) reported, “Three months after a set of anonymous, threatening, racist, antisemitic and homophobic emails sent a wave of fear through the sociology department at Wake Forest University, the department says he’s still waiting for university leaders to announce a meaningful response.” According to the AP, “The emails to sociology and two other departments called for a ‘purge’ of minorities and the LGBTQ community.” The sociology department chairman, Joseph Soares, “canceled sociology classes for a week. When they resumed, Wake Forest police officers were stationed outside classrooms and the building itself.” Soares said, “My faculty were afraid,” adding, “They felt like the kinds of statements that precede someone showing up and shooting up the place.” Senior sociology major Alexander that following the emails, there were “a few people who didn’t want to set foot in or around this building for a very

Organized International Burglary Gangs Arrive As Tourists, Target Neighborhoods

[CTV News \(CAN\)](#) (1/24, Haber) reported from Toronto, “There is a new type of tourist coming to Canada, one interested in seeing the sights this country has to offer, but in burglarizing houses, particularly in affluent neighborhoods. According to CTV News, “These break-and-enter artists are part of an international crime wave that police say has reached America, has crossed the Atlantic targeting several European countries, and is now making its way to North America as a disturbing trend that international law enforcement agencies reveal is getting bigger and more organized.” CTV News reports that in the United States, the FBI even has a name for it: ‘Crime Tourism.’ Police agencies in Canada, the U.S. and Europe report that most of these uninvited visitors are Chilean. They do not require a visa to enter Canada as a tourist.”

Florida Man Arrested For Pointing Laser At Planes

The [Washington Post](#) (1/24) reported, “A man at Sarasota-Bradenton International Airport was arrested Wednesday charged with pointing a laser at multiple pilots, one of whom reported being temporarily blinded, according to the Palm Beach County Sheriff’s Office. ‘Pointing a laser at multiple aircraft didn’t end well for Charlie Chapman Jr.’ the MCSO said in a post. ‘He was arrested after pointing one at planes heading into SRQ Airport last night, and then at our MCSO Aviatec helicopter. He even tried throwing rocks at the helicopter!’” According to the Post, “Sarasota-Bradenton officials told the Washington Post that around 8 p.m., reports came of a man shining a laser into the cockpits of Cessna Skyhawk planes practicing takeoffs and landings.”

Police In Greece Seize Nearly 1.2 Tons Of Cocaine

The [AP](#) (1/25) reported, “Greek police say they seized nearly 1.2 tons of cocaine and arrested 8 alleged members of an international drug trafficking gang.” The AP adds, “Almost all of the cocaine, 1.18 tons, was found during a Friday afternoon raid at a house in the western Greek port of Astakos, police spokesman Theodoros Chronopoulos said Saturday.” The drug was carefully packaged in 1,040 nylon bags, ready to be distributed to intermediaries, Chronopoulos said.” According to the AP, “Four more home raids in the Athens area yielded a small amount of cocaine, some cannabis, an AK-47 assault rifle and pistols. Police also seized over 233,000 euros (\$257,000) in cash and impounded five vehicles.” Major General Petros, “head of the Attica Security Directorate, said the cocaine came from the Caribbean and was destined to countries in northwest Africa.”

TECHNOLOGY

Google Charging Law Enforcement For Search Warrants

The [New York Times](#) (1/24, Dance, Valentino-Devries) reported “Google began charging law enforcement and government agencies this month for legal demands seeking data such as emails, location tracking information and search queries.” The company’s “fees range from \$45 for a subpoena and \$60 for a wiretap to \$245 for a search warrant, a notice sent to law enforcement officials and reviewed by The New York Times.” A Google spokesman “said the fees were intended in part to help offset the costs of complying with warrants and subpoenas.”

GLOBAL SECURITY

FBI Says Neo-Nazi Group Was Forming Al-Qaida Style Terror Network

The [Raleigh \(NC\) News & Observer](#) (1/25, Duncan) reported, “Police and federal agents around the country are investigating a neo-Nazi group that the FBI says was trying to build an al-Qaida-style terror network.” According to the report, “Seven members of The Base were arrested last week on a variety of accusations including plotting violence at a Second Amendment rally in Richmond, Va., on Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Some allegedly planned to kill people involved with members of the media in Georgia, according to the FBI.” The N&O added, “At least one undercover agent was able to infiltrate the group and some of the members’ online chats. Court filings and reports paint a picture of an extremist group with cells around the country and ties stretching from rural Georgia to the Pacific Northwest.”

The [Guardian \(UK\)](#) (1/23, Wilson) reported, “The Guardian has learned the true identity of the leader and the US-based neo-Nazi terror network the Base, which was recently the target of raids by the FBI after an investigation into domestic terrorism uncovered their plans to start a race war.” According to the Guardian, “Members of the group stand accused of federal hate crimes, murder plots and firearms offenses, and have harbored international fugitives in recent months.” The Guardian added, “The Base’s leader previously operated under the aliases ‘Norman Spear’ and ‘Roman Wolf’. Members of the network do not know his true identity due to the group’s culture of internal secrecy,” but “the Guardian can reveal that ‘Norman Spear’ is in fact US-born Rinaldo Nazzaro, 46, who has a long history of advertising his services as an intelligence, military and security contractor. He has claimed, under his alias, to have served in Russia and Afghanistan.” The Guardian notes that Nazzaro’s most recently used address is in New Jersey, there is evidence supporting his claims of being based in Russia, and “he lives with his Russian wife.”

Pittsburgh Man Allegedly Obsessed With Nazis Held On Federal Weapons Charges

The [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#) (1/25, Guza) reports that a Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania man “with an alleged obsession with Nazis and mass shootings will remain in federal prison while he awaits trial on weapons charges, a judge ruled Friday.” The man, Frida Riggs, 50, of the Troy Hill neighborhood of Pittsburgh, “was arrested by FBI agents about 6 a.m. Wednesday when agents served a search warrant on his Hatteras Street home. Agents did not describe what prompted the search warrant, saying only that it was part of ‘an ongoing investigation,’ according to the criminal complaint.” According to the Tribune-Review, Riggs’s home turned up a .223-caliber AR-15 style rifle, according to the complaint.” Riggs “told investigators he does not possess firearms because he’s a felon. Court records show he pleaded guilty in 1994 to aggravated assault and endangerment. He also admitted that he asked a romantic partner to buy the gun for him.”

The [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#) (1/24, Silver) reported that Riggs was “portrayed by the government as being obsessed with mass shootings and Nazis was ordered detained Friday pending trial on a charge that he illegally possessed an assault rifle.” Riggs “had seven guns, ammunition and numerous bladed weapons in his house, according to testimony in U.S. District Court by an FBI agent working with a domestic terrorism task force.” FBI Agent Troy Jeffers “described the decor of Frida Riggs’s Hatteras Street home as having a Nazi theme, with framed portraits throughout his house of Adolf Hitler, the Nazi eagle and images of swastikas.” The Post-Gazette added, “Agents executing a search warrant Wednesday as part of an ongoing investigation found the guns, ammunition and what Magistrate Judge Lisa Pupo Lenihan described as ‘excessive’ ammunition.”

alcohol. A search of Riggs' cellphone turned up video of him – played in court – in a shirt with a swastika emblem lo assault-style rifle and giving the sieg heil Nazi salute.”

ALSO IN THE NEWS

Officials Investigate California Helicopter Crash That Killed Ex-NBA Star Bryant, Eight Others

[CNBC](#) (1/26, Josephs) reports the NTSB “launched a probe on Sunday into the deadly helicopter crash in the L area that killed basketball legend Kobe Bryant and eight others, including his teenage daughter, Gianna.” NTSB mem Homendy “said in a news conference at Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport” that the “helicopter, a Sikorsk crashed in a hilly area in Calabasas, Calif. at around 9:47 a.m. PT” and that the agency is “sending a ‘go team’ to the Homendy said, according to CNBC, that the team will “evaluate the helicopter’s maintenance records, the pilot of th who was killed in the crash, as well look into the owner and operator the S-76B.” [CNN](#) (1/26, Ruiz, Clary) repo said the team of 18 people “includes investigators and media relations and family assistance staffers, among others, consistent with normal protocols following a crash of this nature.”

The [Los Angeles Times](#) (1/26, Poston) reports, “The FBI is also assisting in the probe, which is standard pr NTSB database does not show any prior incidents or accidents for the aircraft. The helicopter was registered to the f based Island Express Holding Corp., according to the California secretary of state’s business database. The helicopte manufacturer, Sikorsky, said in a statement Sunday that it is cooperating with the investigation.”

The [Los Angeles Times](#) (1/26, Winton) reports flight records revealed that the “helicopter departed John i Airport at 9:06 a.m.,” “passed over Boyle Heights, near Dodger Stadium, and circled over Glendale during the flight.” witness Scott Daehlin heard the helicopter overhead while he was setting up sound for a service at Church of the Ca is located near the crash site. Daehlin said, “Because of its proximity to the ground, I knew something was wrong. It hovering real low, like they were searching to land. It was making a slow left turn. It was about 9:44 a.m., and then t happened. I heard a crunch. I don’t think it pancaked. I think it hit rotors first.” Another witness to the crash, 62-yea Kocharian, said that he was standing outside the church “when he heard a helicopter flying unusually low and seem struggle.” Kocharian said, “It wasn’t sounding right, and it was real low. ... I saw it falling and spluttering. But it was f out as it was so foggy.” After the helicopter “vanished into the sheet of fog,” Kocharian said he heard a boom and sa fireball.” Kocharian added, “No one could survive that.”

The [AP](#) (1/26) reports, “Los Angeles County Sheriff Alex Villanueva says his department’s helicopters were due to weather in the area where a helicopter carrying Kobe Bryant and eight other people crashed and burned Sun morning.” According to the AP, “conditions were extremely foggy when the NBA great’s helicopter went down.” Sher Villanueva “told a press conference that debris is scattered over an area the size of a football field.” LA County medi Dr. Jonathan Lucas “says recovery of remains may take several days.” Lucas added, according to the AP, that “investi try to make identifications of the victims as quickly as possible.”

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POLICING & POLICY

US Attorney General To Unveil National Law Enforcement Commission

The [Washington Times](#) (1/21, Mordock) reports that Attorney General Barr today “will unveil a commission to problems plaguing law enforcement, including improving technology, civil rights concerns and other issues.” The Pre Commission on Law Enforcement and the Administration of Justice “was created in October through an executive order by President Trump,” and Barr “is expected to announce the commission’s composition and provide more information on its goals.” The commission “will make recommendations to the attorney general, who will submit a final report to the president detailing actions that ‘prevent, reduce, and control crime; increase respect for the law and assist victims,’ according to an executive order.” The Times adds, “Under the executive order, the commission is expected to report its findings by giving its members roughly 10 months to complete their assignment.”

Iowa To Create Bureau Designed To Avoid School Shootings

The [AP](#) (1/21) reports, “Iowa will become the latest state to create an organization within state government d

prevent school shootings under a plan announced Tuesday by Gov. Kim Reynolds.” Reynolds “said she’s creating a Grand School Safety Bureau within the Iowa Department of Public Safety. It would cost \$2 million to start and \$1.5 million to operate, and Reynolds said she’s included needed funding in her legislative budget request. ‘News headlines about school shootings and threats at unsuspecting communities across America are becoming all too common,’ she said. ‘Although headlines don’t often involve schools in Iowa, we can’t wait until they do to act.’” According to the AP, “Full-time bus instructors will train local law enforcement officers and school staff in identifying and responding quickly in a consistent manner.” Reynolds’ plan “calls for hiring two additional state agents with cyber training to identify and address early threats.” Department of Public Safety Commissioner Stephan Bayens “said most school threats are made online through anonymous messaging systems or gaming platforms. The new agents will be trained to investigate, identify and act on such threats.”

Federal Authorities On High Alert For Human Traffickers At Super Bowl

[Fox News](#) (1/20, Shirazi) reports from Miami, “Just miles from where this year’s Super Bowl is set to take place at Hard Rock Stadium in Miami Gardens, Fla., the feds are already in town to train Miami International Airport officials on how to identify human trafficking victims. ‘Florida is a state with the third-highest rate of per-capita calls regarding human trafficking, so we thought it was important to teach our employees on the indicators of human trafficking,’ said Indra Pardillo, a public safety official at the airport.” Fox News adds, “During the next few weeks, in the run-up to Super Bowl LIV, dozens of federal agents will fan out across South Florida looking for strange behavior or anything that seems amiss.” According to Fox News, “Sixty additional TSA officers from around the country will enhance the TSA Miami office staff to keep additional checkpoints open throughout the high-volume departure day. There will also be 10 additional K9 teams. VIPER (Visible Intermodal Prevention and Response) teams will also be at the airport as game day approaches.”

Minnesota Drivers Cited 9,700 Times For Violating Hands-Free Law

The [Minneapolis Star Tribune](#) (1/21, Harlow) reports, “Law enforcement agencies pledged to vigorously enforce the state’s new hands-free cellphone law — and they have.” According to the Star Tribune, “Police across the state wrote 9,700 tickets in the first five months the law was in effect. That prompted the Department of Public Safety (DPS) to spend \$350,000 on a monthlong campaign that started Monday to remind drivers what they can and can’t do with their phones behind the wheel. ‘It’s a bittersweet number,’ Mike Hanson, director of the DPS’ Office of Traffic Safety, said of the ticketing. ‘It tells us that we have work to do as far as our education and outreach. The other side of the coin is that officers are paying attention and enforcing the new law effectively.’” The Star Tribune adds, “The campaign called ‘Park the Phone’ will include efforts DPS took before the hands-free law went into effect on Aug. 1, with media outreach and billboards and city kiosks wrapped with reminders to drivers to go hands-free. There also will be a social media blitz on Facebook and Twitter, and radio commercials to help spread the word.”

CRIME & DRUGS

Militants Kill 36 Civilians In Burkina Faso Market Attack

[Reuters](#) (1/21, Prentice) reports that 36 civilians were killed in Burkina Faso on Monday “in what the government says was a terrorist attack on a market in Sanmatenga province.” Armed militants attacked people in the market of the village of Sanmatenga before burning it to the ground, the government said in a statement Tuesday.

UK Vows Stronger Terrorism Laws After Knife Attack By Convict

The [New York Times](#) (1/21, Peltier) reports the British government said Tuesday “that it would toughen terrorism sentences and end early release for serious offenders, following through on promises made by Prime Minister Boris Johnson in November after a convicted terrorist who had been automatically released carried out an attack that killed two people in a London market.” The attack by Usman Khan, who was released after serving eight years of a 16-year terrorism sentence, “set off a heated debate about longer sentences for convicted terrorists and their overall reintegration into society.” Under the new legislation, “which could

introduced in Parliament this spring, terrorism offenders would serve a minimum of 14 years in prison,” and the “nu probation officers specializing in counterterrorism would be doubled.”

Convicted Drug Trafficker In Wyoming Linked To California Operation

The [Casper \(WY\) Star-Tribune](#) (1/21, Sanderson) reports from Casper, Wyoming, “A man convicted of drug traf week by a federal jury in Casper is linked to a stash house raid in California that turned up more than 130 pounds of federal prosecutors say.” According to the Gazette, “The federal jury early Friday evening in Casper convicted Arnold 53, of Rio Linda, California, of five drug trafficking crimes following a May traffic stop of his tow truck.” On May 14, “ working on the side of Interstate 80 east of Cheyenne found a drug shipment – totaling more than 50 pounds of her fentanyl, methamphetamine and cocaine – inside a hidden compartment located in the back of a salvage title sedan carrying on his truck. Butler told investigators at the scene that a person whose name he did not know had asked him the sedan to Nebraska. At the end of the weeklong trial, jurors took about five hours to find in favor of the governm

FBI Investigating Potential Link Between Arkansas Murder And Serial Killer Little

[KARK-TV](#) (1/21) reports that the FBI is seeking public help in its investigation into confessed ser Samuel Little, who has “confessed to 93 murders.” While FBI analysts “believe all of his confessions are credible,” th been able to verify 50 confessions so far.” One case is his claimed murder of an individual from North Little Rock.

Police Chief Says Black Market Marijuana Sales Still Happening In Detroit

The [Detroit News](#) (1/21, Hunter) reports, “The legalization of marijuana in Michigan has not eliminated black of the drug in Detroit — or the violence associated with it — said” James Craig, the city’s police chief. The News con “illicit marijuana transactions often end in violence, said Craig, who estimated that 60% of the recent shootings and in Detroit are related to black market marijuana sales. The article quotes Craig, who said “there’s a higher demand f market marijuana because it’s cheaper.”

In a story with similar coverage, the [AP](#) (1/21) reports Craig “said his officers are focusing on arresting peo illegally carry guns while buying or selling marijuana.”

TECHNOLOGY

Report Claims Cybercrime Laws Need Urgent Reform To Protect UK

[The Guardian \(UK\)](#) (1/22, Bowcott) reports Britain’s cyber-defences “are being endangered by the outdated Cr Misuse Act, which prevents investigators from dealing effectively with online threats while over-punishing immature defendants.” A study by the Criminal Law Reform Now Network (CLRNN) “calls for urgent revision of the legislation § illegal access to computers, denial of service attacks and other digital crimes.” The 144-page review, “led by academ Birmingham and Cambridge universities, argues that the 1990 Computer Misuse Act is ‘crying out for reform’ and m public interest defences for hacking.” The report “identifies problems of enforcement and legal obstructions that exp UK’s economy and critical infrastructure to ‘harm by cybercriminals and hostile nation states.’”

Law Enforcement Using “Groundbreaking” Facial Recognition App

The [New York Times](#) (1/18, A1, Hill) reports, “Until recently, Hoan Ton-That’s greatest hits included an obscure game and an app that let people put Donald Trump’s distinctive yellow hair on their own photos,” but “then Mr. Ton Australian techie and onetime model – did something momentous: He invented a tool that could end your ability to the street anonymously, and provided it to hundreds of law enforcement agencies, ranging from local cops in Florida; and the Department of Homeland Security.” Ton-That’s company, Clearview AI, “devised a groundbreaking facial rec app. You take a picture of a person, upload it and get to see public photos of that person, along with links to where t appeared. The system – whose backbone is a database of more than three billion images that Clearview claims to h;

from Facebook, YouTube, Venmo and millions of other websites – goes far beyond anything ever constructed by the States government or Silicon Valley giants.” The Times adds, “Federal and state law enforcement officers said that w had only limited knowledge of how Clearview works and who is behind it, they had used its app to help solve shopli identity theft, credit card fraud, murder and child sexual exploitation cases.”

Apple Dropped Plans For Encrypted Backups Due To FBI Concerns

[Reuters](#) (1/21, Menn) reports that Apple “dropped plans to let iPhone users fully encrypt backups of their dev company’s iCloud service after the FBI complained that the move would harm investigations.” According to Reuters, “reversal, about two years ago,” demonstrates “how much Apple has been willing to help U.S. law enforcement and agencies, despite taking a harder line in high-profile legal disputes with the government and casting itself as a defen customers’ information.” Reuters says that “long-running tug of war...moved back into the public spotlight last week Attorney General Barr “took the rare step of publicly calling on Apple to unlock two iPhones used by a Saudi Air Forc who shot dead three Americans at a Pensacola, Florida naval base last month.”

GLOBAL SECURITY

Prosecutors: Extremist Group Wanted Virginia Rally To Start Civil War

The [AP](#) (1/21, Kunzelman) reports from College Park, Maryland, “A hidden camera captured members of a vio supremacist group expressing hope that violence at a gun rights rally in Virginia this week could start a civil war, fed prosecutors said in a court filing Tuesday.” According to the AP, “Former Canadian Armed Forces reservist Patrik Jorc also videotaped himself advocating for killing people, poisoning water supplies and derailing trains, a prosecutor wr a judge in Maryland to keep Mathews and two other members of The Base detained in federal custody.” Mathews, a national, “didn’t know investigators were watching and listening when he and two other group members talked abo the Richmond rally in the days leading up to Monday’s event, which attracted tens of thousands of people and ende peacefully.” Last month, “a camera installed by investigators captured Mathews talking about the Virginia rally as a ‘ opportunity. ‘And the thing is you’ve got tons of guys who are just in theory should be radicalized enough to know tl gotta do is start making things go wrong and if Virginia can spiral out to (expletive) full blown civil war,’ he said.”

The [Washington Post](#) (1/21, Duggan) reports, “In legal motions filed Tuesday in U.S. District Court in Mary prosecutors said the three suspects, who were under investigation for weeks before the rally, were recorded discuss planned mayhem by a microphone and video camera secretly planted in a Delaware apartment by FBI agents in Dec can’t let Virginia go to waste, we just can’t,’ one of the men, Patrik J. Mathews, said, according to the court filings. Li defendants, Mathews is accused of belonging to a militant hate group whose name, ‘the Base,’ is a rough English tra ‘al-Qaeda.’” Prosecutors said that Mathews “said: ‘Here’s the thing. . . . You want to create . . . instability while the V situation is happening . . . derail some rail lines . . . shut down the highways’ as a way to ‘kick off the economic collaj ‘Virginia will be our day,’ another of the three, Brian M. Lemley Jr., said, according to the court documents.”

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Los Angeles Police Credit Extra Patrol Hours For Decrease In Homicides

The [Los Angeles Times](#) (1/16, Miller) reports, "The Los Angeles Police Department had extra boots on the stre – more than 300,000 patrol hours of them." According to the Times, "It's a strategy that city officials say has helped drive down Los Angeles' violent crime. Homicides dropped from 260 in 2018 to 253 in 2019 – the 10th consecutive year saw fewer than 300 homicides. 'We needed to increase the instances that officers and the community could work to Chief Michel Moore said Wednesday at a news conference at the agency's downtown headquarters. 'The prioritization work was critical.'" Los Angeles "is much safer than in previous decades. In 1992, almost 90,000 violent crimes were Homicides rose to almost 1,100 that year before dropping sharply in the 1990s and continuing to do so in the 2000s number of homicides began to grow in 2014, with 2017 marking the first decrease." Last year, the LAPD "added 200 to the field, said Moore, who explained that the increase has proved essential despite coming at the cost of other re

Judge Upholds Virginia Governor's Ban On Weapons For Monday's Rally

The [Washington Post](#) (1/16, Schneider) reports, "A Circuit Court judge has upheld Gov. Ralph Northam's temporary firearms in Capitol Square ahead of Monday's gun rights rally, which is expected to draw thousands of armed activists around the country." Richmond Chief Judge Joi Jeter Taylor handed down "the ruling Thursday afternoon after a whi

hearing. It was not immediately clear whether the groups that challenged Northam's order will appeal."

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CRIME & DRUGS

FBI Arrests Three Suspected Members Of Neo-Nazi Group Ahead Of Virginia Gun Rights Rally

[Reuters](#) (1/16, Harte) reports, "The FBI arrested Brian Lemley, a former cavalry scout in the U.S. Army and Patrick Mathews, a Canadian citizen who was illegally in the United States and was a combat engineer in the Canadian Army along with suspected white supremacist William Bilbrough." They are "accused of interstate commerce of weapons, illegal aliens, an alien in possession of a firearm and ammunition, and aiding and abetting."

The [Richmond \(VA\) Times-Dispatch](#) (1/16, Leonor, Green) reports, "Three men connected to a white supremacist organization are facing federal charges related to plans of transporting a gun and ammunition across state lines with intent to commit a crime." According to the Times-Dispatch, "The men were planning to travel to Richmond on Monday to attend a Second Amendment rally, according to law enforcement." The Times-Dispatch adds, "Thousands of gun-rights supporters are expected to come to Richmond on Monday for a rally organized by the Virginia Citizens Defense League. Gov. Ralph Northam has announced a temporary ban on weapons in Capitol Square." Brian Lemley, Patrick Mathews and William Bilbrough were arrested early Thursday by the FBI in Maryland and Delaware, said Dave Fitz, a spokesman for the FBI's Baltimore office. A federal criminal complaint filed in Maryland on Wednesday "alleges that the three men had purchased parts to create a rifle that can fire more than one round at a time, and practiced shooting it at a Maryland gun range."

The [Washington Post](#) (1/16, Harris, Barrett) reports, "The FBI has arrested alleged members of a white supremacist group on federal gun charges and other alleged crimes, according to people familiar with the matter." The charges are part of an investigation of a somewhat new effort among online extremists who refer to themselves as 'the Base,' the English translation of 'al Qaeda.' According to experts who track hate groups, the Base promotes racist views and seeks to recruit and train hate groups in preparation for a 'race war.'" FBI Director Wray "warned Congress in the fall that American neo-Nazis are increasingly to be communicating with like-minded violent racists overseas, but he cautioned that those links so far have been more inspirational than organizational. 'We are starting to see racially motivated violent extremists connecting with individuals online certainly, and in some instances, we have seen people travel overseas to train,' Wray said."

Major Arkansas Drug Network Disrupted As Part Of Three-Year Investigation

The [Arkansas Democrat Gazette](#) (1/16, Satter) reports a major drug-trafficking network "in northeast Arkansas"

disrupted Wednesday when federal, state and local law enforcement officers made multiple arrests in Jonesboro to part of a task-force investigation that began nearly three years ago.” Cody Hiland, US attorney “for the Eastern District of Arkansas, and Diane Upchurch, special agent in charge of the FBI’s Little Rock field office, later announced that seven defendants were in custody as a result of the investigation that began in March 2016 by the Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force.” While Wednesday’s arrests included “the seizure of more than 5 pounds of methamphetamine and six guns, the ongoing overall investigation involves the seizure of more than 12 pounds of methamphetamine and 31 guns, they said. The operation involved the: FBI, “the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives; the Arkansas State Police; the Jonesboro Police Department; the Craighead County sheriff’s office and the Second Judicial District Drug Task Force.”

Meth Seizures “More Than Quadruple” In Yellowstone County

The [Fairfield \(MT\) Sun Times](#) (1/16, Tollefson) reports meth seizures by a local Montana drug task force “have quadrupled in the past five years.” In 2014, “the Eastern Montana High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Drug Task Force, which operates in Yellowstone County, “seized 30 pounds of meth.” By the end of 2019, that number had jumped to 120 pounds.” Billings Police Department Lt. Brandon Wooley “said that when he started working on the task force in 2014, the number was smaller.” Wooley said, “It’s not uncommon to find somebody with pound-level quantities now.” The Sun Times says that federal prosecutors have “zeroed in on meth trafficking in recent years, arguing that a leveling off of violent crime in the area means their efforts are working.” In addition to Billings Police Department, “HIDTA members include the Yellowstone County Sheriff’s Office, the FBI, the Drug Enforcement Administration and other federal agencies.” Drug seizures made “by the Eastern Montana HIDTA reflect the highest-level drug trafficking busts in the area.” Smaller seizures such as those “made during routine investigations that won’t likely lead investigators up the supply chain, are tracked separately by other divisions of law enforcement.”

Fifteen Arrested In Human Trafficking Sting In Ohio

The [Toledo \(OH\) Blade](#) (1/16) reports that Ohio and federal law enforcement agents on “Wednesday arrested 15 people in a human-trafficking sting at an undisclosed location in Sandusky County, authorities said.” Those arrested were accused of human trafficking and prostitution violations, with charges including prostitution, soliciting prostitution, and promoting prostitution, according to a written statement by Sandusky County Sheriff’s Office.” The Sandusky County Sheriff’s Office said the “Fremont police, Sandusky County Drug Task Force, and the FBI Child Exploitation and Human Trafficking Task Force cooperated in the human-trafficking enforcement effort.”

Drug Gang Violence In Sweden Linked To Rise In Bomb Blasts

[Reuters](#) (1/16) reports, “A surge in drug-linked gang violence in Sweden led to a 60% increase in bomb blasts in the country, according to government statistics, as police work to rid the streets of explosives and guns with more officers on patrol. Sweden “has been hit by a wave of shootings and bombings over the past couple of years, which police have linked to drug conflicts in major cities, shocking Swedes, who have long considered their country as one of the safest in the world.” According to Reuters, “Some 257 bomb attacks were reported to police last year, up from 162 the previous year, the statistics from the National Council for Crime Prevention showed.” The agency “did not give any information about the types of explosives used, frequently used nor any other details, but Swedish media have reported some attackers used makeshift bombs made from vacuum flasks packed with explosive material.”

Police Reveal New Evidence In New York Cold Case

[ABC News](#) (1/16, Katersky) reports, “Authorities in Suffolk County New York released what they called a ‘signature’ of evidence’ on Thursday involving the unsolved Gilgo Beach murders that haunted Long Island nearly a decade ago. Suffolk County Police Commissioner Geraldine Hart “revealed a photograph of a black leather belt embossed with the letters ‘HM,’ depending on how it’s held.” Hart “said at a press conference she believed the suspect involved in the murder wore the belt, but would not elaborate.” In 2010 and 2011 “the remains of 10 victims were discovered in weedy sections of a residential Parkway near Jones Beach.” Six women were identified, “but the remains of the other four people, including a toddler,”

been. Half of the identified victims worked as prostitutes, police said at the time.” Hart “urged the public to come forward with any information involving the murders, including on the belt, which was collected at the initial crime scene.”

Wave Of Laptop Threats In California Feeds Huge Black Market

The [San Francisco Chronicle](#) (1/16, Bauman) reports, “Thieves are snatching laptops from unsuspecting victims with alarming audacity and violence, officials say, driven by a lucrative Bay Area black market where crooks can fetch \$500 for an Apple computer that could end up in Asia.” According to the Chronicle, “Two recent high-profile Oakland crimes – a laptop grab at Starbucks and a bus-stop shooting sparked by a computer theft – offer a glimpse into a growing region that has put people on edge. ‘I’ve been hugging my laptop a little closer,’ said Caroline Steel, 23, while working on a laptop in San Francisco’s Mission District. Signs warning patrons of computer snatchers went up in June after the coffee shop was hit repeatedly by thieves, a barista said.” The Chronicle adds, “Property crimes involving electronic devices have increased nationwide in recent years along with the skyrocketing value of tech products that people carry everywhere, said Oakland spokeswoman Johnna Watson. ‘Whether you are walking down the street with it in your hand or you’re somewhere sitting at a laptop at a table, that’s like having \$1,000 or \$2,000 sitting on a table,’ Watson said.”

TECHNOLOGY

Miami-Dade Police Drone Records Crack Sale Live

The [Miami Herald](#) (1/16, Ovalle) reports, “Miami-Dade narcotics detectives needed surveillance as they investigated a suspected armed drug dealer believed to be peddling crack cocaine over the fence of his house’s backyard,” but “the surveillance didn’t come from a cop hiding in a tree, an unmarked car or a nearby building.” The Herald adds, “Instead, it came from 3,100 feet above the ground as officers launched a police drone to capture what they say was Andre ‘Dre’ Rodriguez selling cocaine to an undercover informant from the yard of his Northwest Miami-Dade home. The drone footage – reviewed beforehand by a judge – marks the first time that Miami-Dade police has employed an unmanned aerial vehicle to capture time-sensitive evidence in a criminal investigation.” According to the Herald, “The court case comes as Florida lawmakers will consider a limited expansion on the use of police drones, and as law-enforcement agencies across the United States have increased drone purchases amid concerns about intrusions on privacy.”

FBI Warns Hackers Breached Networks Of Two US Municipalities

[ZDNet](#) (1/16, Cimpanu) reports, “Nation-state hackers have breached the networks of two US municipalities, the FBI said in a security alert.” According to the FBI, “attackers used the CVE-2019-0604 vulnerability in Microsoft SharePoint servers to breach the two municipalities’ networks.” The FBI also stated, “the FBI believes unidentified nation-state actors were involved in the compromise.” The municipalities were not identified.

Use Of Facial Recognition Technology By UK Police Tests Public’s Tolerance

The [AP](#) (1/16, Chan) reports from London, “When British police used facial recognition cameras to monitor crowds arriving for a soccer match in Wales, some fans protested by covering their faces,” and “in a sign of the technology’s divisiveness, even the head of a neighboring police force said he opposed it.” According to Reuters, “The South Wales Police deployed vans equipped with the technology outside Cardiff stadium this week as part of a long-running trial in which it scanned people in real time and detained anyone blacklisted from attending for past misbehavior. Rights activists and supporters staged a protest before the game between Cardiff City and Swansea City, wearing masks, balaclavas or covering around their faces.” Reuters adds, “The real-time surveillance being tested in Britain is among the more aggressive uses of facial recognition in Western democracies and raises questions about how the technology will enter people’s daily lives. Academics and companies are eager to use it, but activists warn it threatens human rights.”

GLOBAL SECURITY

US Charges Malian In Al Qaeda Hotel Attack In Burkina Faso

The [AP](#) (1/16, Mustian) reports federal prosecutors announced murder charges Thursday against “a Malian man of playing a central role in two 2016 terror attacks in West Africa, including an al-Qaida shooting in Burkina Faso that killed an American missionary and 29 other people.” Mimi Baba “scouted attack locations for al-Qaida in the Islamic Maghreb and arranged the transport of assault rifles and hand grenades used in the attack” on a hotel in Burkina Faso’s capital of Ouagadougou. The shooting killed 45-year-old American Michael J. Riddering, as well as “two French citizens, two Senegalese and six Canadians.”

DHS Advises Chemical Companies To Increase Security Amid Iran Tensions

The [Washington Examiner](#) (1/16, Giaritelli) reports that chemical companies in the US “were put on notice by the government late Wednesday and told to boost cyber and physical security because of fears Iran could target them.” A statement issued by DHS’ Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency states, “In light of recent international events with implications for retaliatory aggression against the US and our critical infrastructure, CISA urges facilities with chemicals of interest to consider enhanced security measures to decrease the likelihood of a successful attack.”

THURSDAY'S LEAD STORIES

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Maine's "Cautious Approach" On Police Body Cameras Reflects National Trend

Pew Charitable Trusts reports in its [Stateline](#) (1/14, Van Ness) blog, "When a Maine state senator introduced a bill last year to require all police officers to wear body cameras, she expected some discussion," but "the response that Democratic state Sen. Susan Deschambault got was stronger than she anticipated. Several groups, including police chiefs and municipal and county commissioners, opposed it, citing concerns about cost and questioning the necessity of requiring every officer to wear one. And the American Civil Liberties Union asked for the bill to be amended, saying that requiring the cameras without a study was premature." The legislature "delayed action and instead formed a working group to study the issue." Stateline reports "Maine's cautious approach reflects a growing awareness, backed by several new studies, that body cameras don't necessarily have a huge effect on police officers' behavior or how residents view the police." Daniel Lawrence, "a researcher at the Brookings Institution in Washington, D.C., who has studied the cameras, said more departments are realizing that just purchasing cameras isn't enough. 'The way I see body-worn camera use being emphasized in the future is really having more of an emphasis on deploying and having officers wear body-worn cameras, but a closer examination of how they use those cameras,' Lawrence said." According to Stateline, "Among other factors, Lawrence said, the effectiveness of the cameras depends on whether officers are required to turn them on, whether they must review the video before they write incident reports, and whether

released to people involved in an incident or to the public.”

House Lawmakers Working On Legislation To Pause Use Of Facial Recognition Technology

[NextGov](#) (1/15, Boyd) reports, “House lawmakers – and, according to those representatives, their constituent: of facial recognition and are working on legislation that would halt its progress as Congress and federal regulators get around how the technology is being used now and put guardrails in place for its use in the future.” According to NextGov, “Members of the House Committee on Oversight and Reform held a hearing Wednesday, the third in a series about facial recognition technology. At this latest hearing, lawmakers heard from private-sector experts in biometric technology, intelligence and the security and surveillance industry about what key elements future legislation should include.” A congressional staffer “confirmed to Nextgov that the legislation is currently in the works and is a priority for the oversight committee.”

UK Announces New “Waste Police” Unit To Crack Down On Illegal Dumping

The [Telegraph \(UK\)](#) (1/15, Horton) reports that those engaged in illegal dumping, or “fly-tipping,” “will face prison sentences,” environment secretary has said, as the government announces a new ‘waste police’ unit.” The Joint Unit for Waste Crime (JUWC) “will for the first time bring together law enforcement agencies, environmental regulators, HMRC and the National Crime Agency in order to tackle fly-tipping and mislabeling of hazardous waste.” The Telegraph adds, “In recent years there appears to have been a steady rise in organised, large-scale waste crime, a Defra spokesperson said,” and “this is part of confusion around rubbish collection, as criminal gangs run registered companies, get the appropriate licences and correct certificates. This, the government says, ‘provides a veil of legitimacy for crime.’” According to the Telegraph, “Waste crime, it is also fraud as customers are duped into using seemingly legitimate businesses. Because of this, HMRC Unit has joined the new taskforce.”

Connecticut’s “Blue Envelope” Program Helps Police Communicate With Drivers With Autism

[U.S. News & World Report](#) (1/15, Leins) reports that Connecticut police officers “are hoping to improve communication with drivers through the use of a ‘Blue Envelope,’ which allows officers to better identify individuals with autism spectrum disorder during traffic stops.” The Blue Envelope, “created under legislation that went into effect Jan. 1, serves multiple purposes: It is meant to hold the driver’s license, registration and insurance card, and it includes tips on how the driver officer can best respond to one another during a traffic stop.” Drivers “can keep the envelope in the glove box or visor of their car so they can easily find it and hand it to a police officer, who should be trained on the envelope’s meaning.”

Pennsylvania House Votes To Stop Drivers’ Use Of Hand-Held Phones

The [AP](#) (1/15, Scolforo) reports from Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, “A divided Pennsylvania House voted Wednesday to ban the use of hand-held phones for all drivers to make calls, although police would not be allowed to stop motorists for violations alone.” The AP adds, “Representatives voted 120-74 for the proposal that would expand current law, which bans anyone from using hand-held devices to make phone calls for truckers and other commercial drivers.” According to the AP, “The prime sponsor, Rep. Rosemary Brown, R-Monroe, said she was disappointed that the House had amended the law so that police could not stop drivers for using hand-held phones, making it instead a secondary offense that would result in penalties when paired with another violation.” Brown “voted for the bill and said she hoped to continue working on legislation as it goes to the state Senate for its consideration.”

New York State Law Enforcement Agencies Locked Out Of DMV Records Over Immigration Record Sharing

The [Syracuse \(NY\) Post-Standard](#) (1/15, Lohmann) reports, “Nearly 60 police departments and sheriff’s offices across the state don’t have access to important records from the state Department of Motor Vehicles because they haven’t agreed to share their records won’t be turned over to federal immigration, state officials said.” According to the Post-Standard, “The inter-

the flow of the records – including photos used for identification and photo arrays – comes in response to a newly passed Green Light Law, which allows people who came to the United States illegally to get driver’s licenses.” The Post-Star Tribune reports, “As of Tuesday afternoon, 59 agencies hadn’t certified that they would honor the agreement, according to officials at the Department of Criminal Justice Services and the DMV.” Those agencies “missed the Jan. 11 deadline to sign the agreement, though they can still have their access restored if they agree to not share the records, officials said.”

Creators Of Minnesota “Mass Shooter Database” Share Work With Lawmakers, Police

The [Minneapolis Star Tribune](#) (1/15, Prather) reports, “Two Minnesota professors who have compiled a comprehensive database of mass shootings in the United States are taking their work to lawmakers, school leaders and law enforcement officials in hopes of preventing future tragedies.” Hamline University professor Jillian Peterson and Metropolitan State University professor James Densley “are hosting a training session Friday in downtown St. Paul to discuss their preliminary findings and mass shooting prevention strategies. More than 200 people from across Minnesota and the country are scheduled to attend the sold-out session.” The professors “also will present their findings to a Minnesota House committee in early February.” Peterson told the Star Tribune, “The aim is to use the data, said Peterson, a psychologist, ‘to design prevention strategies so we can focus on the point of preventing a mass shooting vs. just reacting once it happens.’”

New Jersey Expands Terrorism Law In Response To Market Attack

The [AP](#) (1/15) reports that Gov. Phil Murphy (D-NJ) “signed legislation Wednesday expanding the definition of terrorism under state law in response to last month’s fatal attack on a kosher market in Jersey City.” Murphy “said the new law makes it clear that New Jersey is committed to the elimination of ‘hate in all its forms.’ The legislation passed unanimously in the Democrat-led Legislature on Monday, about a month after the attack that left a Jersey City police detective dead, and three people inside the market.” The new law “says terrorism includes crimes aimed at inciting terror against people based on their religion, race or national origin, among other factors.” Previous law “said someone was guilty of terrorism if they committed crimes aimed at promoting terror, terrorizing five or more people, influencing government policy through impairing public transportation, communication, or other public services.”

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CRIME & DRUGS

FBI: National Dark Web Drug Ring Sent Hundreds Of Fentanyl Pills To Ohio

The [Cincinnati Enquirer](#) (1/15, Knight) reports, “After an investigation by FBI agents in Cincinnati, five people have been charged with running a dark web drug ring that sent hundreds of fentanyl pills to Ohio.”

indicted in a 'prolific' drug ring that officials say moved \$2.8 million through drug trafficking and money laundering." to the Enquirer, "The federal indictment states the group began forming as early as 2013 and dealt drugs in dark we places with names like Silk Road, Empire, Dream, Sleep and Nightmare." The group "operated under the names PILLC Slanggang," and "those indicted include: Khleri Sirotkin, 36, of Colorado; Kelly Stephens, 32, of Colorado; Sean Deav Nevada; Abby Jones, 37, of Nevada; and Sasha Sirotkin, 32, of California." FBI agents "said the group had bases of op Las Vegas, Los Angeles and multiple locations in Colorado," and "the FBI estimates the group sold 33.9 kilograms of f five months in 2019."

[WLWT-TV](#) Cincinnati (1/15) reports, "According to the 21-count indictment, the co-conspirators used sever Web marketplace accounts and encrypted messaging apps in order to sell illegal drugs online." According to WLWT- the five individuals are from the Cincinnati area, but federal authorities said pressed fentanyl pills, along with heroin methamphetamine and cocaine were shipped to southern Ohio," and "these drugs were then sent across the nation investigation "was coordinated out of the Cincinnati Field Office of the FBI and is part of an Organized Crime Drug Er Task Force joint investigation conducted by the Southern Ohio Digitized Organized Crime Group." [WKRC-TV](#) Ci (1/15) also reports.

Twenty-Six Charged In Georgia Drug, Gun Trafficking Ring

[WJCL-TV](#) Savannah, GA (1/15, Littlehales) reports, "A major drug bust in southeast Georgia leads to millions of worth of illegal narcotics off the streets." On Wednesday, US Attorney Bobby L. Christine "along with other law enfor agencies announced 26 people now face federal indictments in connection to drug trafficking, including a connectio crime group Gangster Disciples." Operation "Ace in the Hole" is "a years-long investigation, which officials say has pu dent into gang and drug activity in the Toombs County area."

The [Savannah \(GA\) Morning News](#) (1/15, Peebles) reports that Operation Ace in the Hole's indictments w unsealed Wednesday, and the operation, which was "targeting an expansive, gang-related drug trafficking ring," has a 61-count indictment naming 26 defendants on federal charges." U.S. Attorney Bobby L. Christine said in a stateme brave local, state and federal law enforcement partners pursued this conspiracy tirelessly for more than a year, and prosecution of these charges will be just as relentless." The FBI supported the investigation.

GLOBAL SECURITY

US Counterterrorism Officials Warn Police About Potential Ambush Attacks

[CNN](#) (1/15, Campbell) reports from Los Angeles, "Federal counterterrorism officials are warning police depart across the country to maintain a heightened state of awareness for the potential for ambush-style attacks against of adds, "In a new intelligence report viewed by CNN, entitled 'PERSISTENT THREAT OF TERRORIST AMBUSH ATTACKS (RESPONDERS,' analysts from the National Counterterrorism Center warn that police officers and emergency services remain key targets for terrorists, who may either seek to lure public safety officers into ambushes, or stage ambush without significant advanced planning. 'Due to their high visibility and 24/7 accessibility, on-duty first responders are to becoming victims of ambush attacks,' states the report issued this week." The report "states that the appeal of an attacks for terrorists 'likely stems from the nature of the target, the attack concealment, and the element of surprise also indicates 'the suddenness of an ambush attack may limit reaction and response by first responders, potentially the attacker with a tactical advantage.'"

Lawmakers Struggle With Privacy Issues In Combating Terrorist Funding

The [Washington Times](#) (1/15, Mordock) reports, "Terrorists, both domestic and foreign, are increasingly using illicit transactions because it is nearly impossible to track, law enforcement officials and scholars told a congressiona Wednesday." The House Committee on Financial Services "held the hearing as it mulls legislation to crackdown on te financing." However, lawmakers and "the witnesses struggled to find answers on how to more closely scrutinize such

transactions without sacrificing privacy rights.”

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POLICING & POLICY

Ivanka Trump Says White House Will Host Human Trafficking Summit This Month

[McClatchy](#) (1/14, Wilner) reports, “The White House will host a summit on human trafficking at the end of January marking 20 years since Congress made it a federal crime, amid an uptick in reported cases in recent years.” Ivanka Trump, the President and Attorney General Barr would attend. She said, “Twenty years ago, the Trafficking Victims Protection Act was signed into law. To honor this milestone as we continue our robust efforts to combat human trafficking at home and abroad, the White House will host a summit to discuss the impact of this landmark legislation and to identify new solutions to end the scourge of modern slavery.”

Cambridge, Massachusetts Bans Use Of Facial Recognition Technology

[Boston](#) (1/14) reports, “The tech hub of Cambridge has become the fourth community in Massachusetts – and the first East Coast city – to ban the use of facial surveillance.” According to Boston, “In a 9-0 vote Monday night, the Cambridge City Council unanimously approved the measure, prohibiting any city departments from intentionally accessing or using facial recognition technology – as well as any information obtained from such technology.” The action, “which follows sim

approved this past year in Somerville, Brookline, and Northampton,” “amends a 2018 ordinance that previously allowed Cambridge officials to use biometric or facial recognition technology with the City Council’s approval. San Francisco is the first major American city to pass a face recognition technology ban last May.”

Georgia Bill Would Block “Red Flag” Orders Requiring Surrender Of Guns

The [Atlanta Journal-Constitution](#) (1/14) reports that Georgia State Rep. Ken Pullin “has filed legislation targeting future laws that would require those who are found to be a threat to themselves or others to surrender their weapons.” Pullin “said he believes ‘red flag’ laws, which would take guns away from a citizen that a judge deems to be a threat, violate process rights guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution. Pullin’s legislation would challenge any future measure since federal law supersedes state law.”

Michigan House Votes To Lift State’s Stun Gun Ban

The [AP](#) (1/14, Eggert) reports, “Michigan would lift its ban on stun guns under legislation advanced by lawmakers Tuesday.” The bill “would allow the sale, possession and ‘reasonable use’ of a stun device by those 18 and older. Michigan currently allows law enforcement and people with a concealed pistol license – those who are at least 21 – to use a Taser, a different type of self-defense device than a stun gun.” The AP notes, “A Taser can be used from distance, while a stun gun requires direct contact with an attacker.”

New York Lawmakers, Governor Reach Deal To Pass Limo Regulations In Wake Of Crashes

The [AP](#) (1/14) reports political leaders in New York “have reached an agreement to pass new limousine safety regulations inspired by deadly crashes in 2015 and 2018, officials said Tuesday.” The proposals “target unsafe limos and lax regulations.” The bill includes immobilization of defective limousines, GPS and customer service resource requirements, regular validation and driver safety information, creation of a passenger task force, and drug and alcohol testing.” Another bill “would require drivers carrying nine or more passengers to have a passenger-endorsed commercial driver’s license.”

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IACP’s 40 Under 40 Award program is now accepting nominations for 2020! This award recognizes 40 law enforcement professionals under the age of 40 who exemplify leadership skills and commitment to their professions. Nominees can be from anywhere in the world and can serve in federal, state, local, or tribal law enforcement in sworn or non-sworn positions.

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CRIME & DRUGS

DEA Data Show 100B Oxycodone, Hydrocodone Doses Were Shipped Over Nine Years

The [Washington Post](#) (1/14, Rich, Higham, Horwitz) reports that newly disclosed DEA data show “that more than 24 billion doses of oxycodone and hydrocodone were shipped nationwide from 2006 through 2014 – 24 billion more than previously known to the public.” The data “confirms again that six companies distributed the majority of the pain pills. McKesson Corp., Cardinal Health, Walgreens, AmerisourceBergen, CVS and Walmart accounted for 85 percent of the oxycodone and hydrocodone pills that were shipped between 2006 and 2014, according to an analysis by the Post.” The Post adds, “Three manufacturers still accounted for 85 percent of the pills: SpecGx, a subsidiary of Mallinckrodt Pharmaceuticals; and Par Pharmaceutical, a subsidiary of Endo Pharmaceuticals.”

Another Guilty Plea In New Jersey Drug Ring Probe

The [Gloucester Township \(NJ\) Patch](#) (1/14, Bellano) reports, “Another man has admitted to his role in a violent drug ring that sold a large amount of illegal drugs in South Jersey, U.S. Attorney Craig Carpenito announced.” David Velez, 31, of New Jersey “pleaded guilty to an information charging him with one count of conspiracy to distribute and possess with intent to distribute 100 grams or more of heroin. He faces between 5 and 40 years in prison and a \$5 million fine when he is sentenced on April 20.” Velez “was among 19 people previously charged by federal complaint, nine of whom have already pleaded guilty.”

FBI Issues Warning About Dating Apps Following Murder

[WDIV-TV](#) (1/14, Ali, Hutchinson) reports that the FBI is “issuing a warning about dating apps following the murder of a man who was found naked, mutilated and hanging from his ankles in a secret room of a Michigan basement after meeting someone on Grindr.” Kevin Bacon was found dead by Michigan State Police agents, who found Bacon’s abandoned car in a parking lot. Bacon was reported missing on Christmas. Mark Latunski “confessed to stabbing Bacon in the back and slitting his throat” and arranging to meet Bacon. FBI Detroit office agent Michael Glennon said in a statement, “Meet in public.” He continued, “That’s an important key. Second to that, let somebody know where you’re going and who you’re with, and give them your person’s contact information.”

OFFICER SAFETY & WELLNESS

New Jersey Lawmakers Vote To Create Training Program To Prevent Officer Suicides

[NJ News](#) (1/14, Nelson) reports, “New Jersey lawmakers approved a bill Monday establishing a training program to prevent cop suicides. The proposal (A1028) would also require police departments to report suicides.” According to the bill, “State Senators approved it without a single “no” vote, 39-0, after the state Assembly passed it in December, 77-0. The bill now heads to Gov. Phil Murphy, who must sign or veto it by Jan. 21.” NJ News adds, “The proposed training program, which would be available to every cop in the state, would flag ‘causes, behaviors, warning signs, and risk factors.’ Officers would have to complete training every five years.”

Study finds increase in incidence of leukemia among 9/11 first responders

The [Wall Street Journal](#) (1/14, West, Subscription Publication) reports that a new study is the first to show an increase in the incidence of leukemia among 9/11 first responders. The study also saw elevated prostate and thyroid cancer, which have not been previously seen in other research. The findings were published in JNCI Cancer Spectrum.

[TIME](#) (1/14, Ducharme) reports the research “examined a group of nearly 29,000 people who enrolled in the Trade Center Health Program...from 2002 to 2013” and worked “for a concentrated period of time shortly after the 9/11 attacks, at least 80 hours during the rest of 2001.” TIME adds “previous studies have not found a statistically higher risk of leukemia among 9/11 responders,” which may be because “leukemia can take years to develop after exposure to a carcinogen.”

TECHNOLOGY

UK To Use Equipment To Search Mobile Devices Without Using Passwords

[BBC News Online \(UK\)](#) (1/14) reports, "Technology which allows the police to gather data from some mobile phones and tablets without using a password will be rolled out from Monday." According to BBC News, "Police Scotland has spent £500,000 buying 41 desktop-sized machines which override encryption on devices." The move "has already been deemed to concern the technology may be unlawful." Police "insisted the devices would significantly speed up investigations." "known as 'cyber kiosks,'" will "plug into phones or tablets and trained operators will then look for information relevant to an investigation." BBC News adds, "Only information held on devices, such as social media messages or call logs, can be accessed by Police Scotland and the force says all logs of the data captured are deleted after an examination."

Researcher Attributes Mystery Drone Sightings To "Social Panic"

In continuing coverage of the mystery drones allegedly spotted above Colorado and Nebraska, [ABC News](#) (1/14) reports the Colorado Department of Public Safety is ending its search for the mysterious drones as the agency "has not had any incidents involving criminal activity, nor have investigations substantiated reports of suspicious or illegal drone activity." Robert Bartholomew, a medical sociologist and professor at the University of Auckland, attributes the drone sightings to a "social panic" or "collective delusion" at a time when people are "living in a period of significant geo-political tension, combined with the relatively recent advent of high-functioning drones." He says that "distrust" in government and people getting their news from "unreliable sources on social media" has created "a recipe for rumors and conspiracy theories." The [Associated Press](#) (1/15) also reports on the drones.

GLOBAL SECURITY

Powdered Substance Found At California Federal Building Prompts Evacuations

The [Orange County \(CA\) Register](#) (1/14) reports, "A hazardous materials team decontaminated several people who came into contact with an unknown powdered substance and evacuated others from the Federal Building in Santa Ana Tuesday." According to the Register, "Authorities were notified of the substance at about 2 p.m., and dispatched to the government building near the 700 block of West Santa Ana Boulevard, Orange County Fire Authority Captain Tony Bommarito said. "A man on the third floor was evacuated, and those on different levels were instructed to take shelter as firefighters and federal agents conducted an investigation." Police "blocked off streets surrounding the building as agents from the Department of Homeland Security and FBI searched for clues in the area, Bommarito said."

Pennsylvania Man Pleads Guilty To Terroristic Attacks

The [AP](#) (1/14) reports William Brown "pleaded guilty to two counts of terroristic attacks and violence against a mass transit carrier and mass transportation on land" on Monday. He "detached four railroad signal antennas near Braddock in March 2017 and caused a complete signal failure by cutting cables." The FBI supported the investigation.

Albanian Man, Woman Repatriated To Kosovo Face Terrorism Charges

The [AP](#) (1/14) reports Kosovo prosecutors have "filed terrorism charges against an Albanian woman and a man who allegedly joined the Islamic State group in Syria." A statement from the prosecutor's office said the woman, identified as F.D., and the man, identified as F.D., "left Kosovo in March 2015 to first go to neighboring Skopje, North Macedonia, and Turkey where they crossed the Syrian border to join IS until early 2019 when they handed themselves over to Kurdish forces. In April, they were part of a group of 110 Kosovo citizens repatriated from Syria." They are charged with "organization and participation in a terror group," and could face up to 15 years in prison if convicted.

TUESDAY'S LEAD STORIES

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POLICING & POLICY

AG William Barr Says Apple Not Providing Assistance With Pensacola Terrorist's Phone

The [Pensacola \(FL\) News Journal](#) (1/13, Robinson) reports that at a Washington news conference, Attorney General William Barr and FBI Deputy Director David Bowdich “revealed the findings of a month-long investigation into the motivations of Al-Shamrani, a Saudi aviation trainee who killed three people and wounded eight others in a shooting spree at the international training facility.” Barr is quoted as saying, “The evidence shows the shooter was motivated by jihadist ideology.”

[CNBC](#) (1/13, Leswing) reports “Barr said...that Apple had not helped the FBI crack into password protected iPhones used by...Alshamrani.” Barr stated, “We have asked Apple for their help in unlocking the shooter’s iPhones. So far Apple has not given us any substantive assistance.” The [New York Times](#) (1/13, Benner) says Barr’s “appeal was an escalation in the ongoing fight between the Justice Department and Apple pitting personal privacy against public safety. ‘This situation illustrates why it is critical that the public be able to get access to digital evidence,’ Mr. Barr said.”

[Reuters](#) (1/14) reports Apple, in response, “said it rejects ‘the characterization that Apple has not provide

substantive assistance' in the investigation." According to Reuters, "Apple said it responded to all queries from law e officials and turned over all information that it had access to. The company said it received the first inquiry on Jan. 6 notified of a second iPhone until Jan. 8. It also said its engineering teams 'recently had a call to provide additional te assistance' to the FBI."

[The Hill](#) (1/13, Wise) reports a company "spokesperson said that Apple would continue to work with the I stressed the company's stance on safeguarding encryption."

Law Enforcement Focusing On Safety In Preparation For Tampa, Florida Festival

[WFLA-TV](#) (1/13) Tampa, FL (1/13) reports from Tampa, Florida, "Preparations for Gasparilla are well underway, and tl just taking place along Bayshore Boulevard." According to WFLA-TV, "Law enforcement agencies have been hard at v last year's parades ended, revamping security measures to make sure all pirates stay safe during the Gasparilla Child and the main Gasparilla Parade of Pirates." The FBI Tampa Field Office "will continue to assist local law enforcement parades this year. The office has a special events program through the FBI joint terrorism task force that resides in tl The program provides support for operations and intelligence gather before and during events in the state. 'We will support for both the children's parade and the main parade for two consecutive weekends, so we'll have FBI person there integrated with our state and local counterparts supporting the operations,' said Supervisory Special Agent Ke Shannon."

Four Gun Control Bills Pass Virginia Senate Judiciary Committee

The [Washington Post](#) (1/13, Vozzella, Schneider) reports that as the Virginia General Assembly's "new Democr majority took up firearms legislation for the first time," four gun control bills cleared the Senate Judiciary Committe space of 2 1/2 hours." The measures "would require background checks on all firearms purchases, allow law enforce temporarily remove guns from individuals deemed a risk to themselves or others, let localities ban weapons from ce and cap handgun purchases at one per month, reinstating a law that was in place in the state from 1989 to 2012."

UK Inspectors Warn Of Criminals Manipulating Probation Officers

The [Telegraph \(UK\)](#) (1/13, Hymas) reports, "Criminals are able to manipulate probation officers too easily, say inspectors who have also called for more men to join the service." The Telegraph adds, "The inspectors said probati needed to be more inquisitive to prevent dangerous criminals and terrorists like London Bridge killer Usman Khan cc into believing they have reformed," and "they are concerned officers are taking their claims to have renounced viole value' rather than investigating their alleged conversions."

The [Independent \(UK\)](#) (1/13, Dearden) reports, "HM Inspectorate of Probation found that newly qualific being left to supervise violent criminals and sex offenders after their release from prison – and lack the 'professiona needed to protect the public." According to the Independent, "The warning comes after the London Bridge attack w by a terrorist convict who was supposedly being monitored by the National Probation Service (NPS)."

Sexual Assault Survivors In Oklahoma Can Now Track Their Rape Kits

The [AP](#) (1/13) reports, "Oklahoma has adopted a new electronic tracking system that will allow sexual assault monitor the location and status of their rape kits." The AP adds, "The purpose of the system is to empower survivor information, help law enforcement with investigations, and foster transparency and public trust, The Oklahoman rep survivors and entities that update the system can access the records." The Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation " system, which was authorized through legislation passed last year. A task force made recommendations in an effort the state's response to sexual assaults. 'I'm hoping it will hold all of us accountable to make sure that we don't let vi through the cracks,' said Andrea Fielding, division director of criminalistics for the OSBI. 'The ultimate goal for the st we're able as a state to strengthen all of our programs that are related to sexual assault.'"

Law Enforcement Teamwork Credited For Decrease In Crime In Natchez, Mississippi

The [AP](#) (1/13) reports that Natchez, Mississippi “recorded a decrease in homicides and its police chief said it v thanks to a law enforcement partnership.” According to the AP, “There were three homicides in Natchez in 2019, co 12 the year before, said police chief Walter Armstrong,” and “the drop came at the same time the city’s police depa partnered with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, the Mississippi Department of Corrections agencies for Project EJECT, U.S. Attorney Mike Hurst said. The acronym stands for Empower Justice, Expel Crime Togr said.” The program “was implemented in Jackson in 2017. It helped reduce crime there by 7% in its first year, Hurst s

Florida Bill Proposing Regulation Of Private Gun Sales Advances

The [AP](#) (1/13, Farrington) reports, “Florida would require background checks before weapons could be sold at and would require private gun transactions be documented under a bill unanimously approved by a Senate committe The legislation “also would require health care professionals tell law enforcement if they believe a patient is threate out a violent act that would seriously harm or kill someone.” The bill “also requires gun owners to safely store loade they live with someone under the age of 18. Current law requires safe gun storage if there’s someone in the househ 16.” It also “requires the Florida Department of Law Enforcement to develop a statewide strategy to assess potentia be used to train local law enforcement agencies.”

Colorado Judge Denies Request To Confiscate Man’s Guns Under New “Red Flag” Law

[The Hill](#) (1/13, Budryk) reports, “In a first, a judge declined a motion to confiscate a man’s guns under Colorad law, according to CBS4.” The Hill adds, “The unnamed woman who filed the request, who lives in the town of Limon four known people who have made filings to confiscate guns under the law, with others filing in Denver and Larimer According to The Hill, “The filing claims the man in question has a drinking problem and has verbally and physically t the person making the request with a handgun, according to CBS4.” Lincoln County, “where Limon is located, has inc will not honor the Colorado law, but state Rep. Alec Garnett (D) said the law allows for requests to be turned down.’ law “allows law enforcement to seek temporary protection orders or confiscation orders from a judge for a person d danger to themselves or others, with a court hearing required within 14 days of an order being granted to determin extend the confiscation, with a cap of 364 days.”

Missouri Bill Would Give Attorney General Power To Prosecute Some Criminal Gang Cases

The [St. Louis Post-Dispatch](#) (1/13, Stewart) reports that a Missouri lawmaker “is pushing legislation to give the attorney general’s office authority to prosecute gang-related crimes that St. Louis and Kansas City area prosecutors c pursue. The bill also would impose harsher punishments on members of criminal street gangs. ‘What we need to be Missouri to address violent crimes systemically is to make sure we’re addressing organized crime systemically as wel what the bill is designed to do,’ said Sen. Tony Luetkemeyer.” Luetkemeyer “chairs the Senate’s Judiciary and Civil an Jurisprudence Committee, which heard testimony Monday on his ‘Missouri Criminal Street Gangs Prevention Act.” T “would require the prosecuting attorneys in St. Louis, St. Louis County and Jackson County to act within 60 days of r referral on a gang-related crime from law enforcement,” and “if those offices decline to prosecute, law enforcement request that they reconsider. If they still refuse, the attorney general’s office would have the authority to pursue the

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The IACP, with support from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), launched the new Safety Resource Guide (TSRG) designed to help law enforcement officers address the elements of traffic sa

education to enforcement as well as share research and promising practices to support leaders in responding to traffic safety issues encountered in their community. To learn more, access the TSRG here: <https://bit.ly/2s>

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CRIME & DRUGS

New York Hanukkah Machete Attack Suspect Pleads Not Guilty, Faces Possible Death Penalty

[Reuters](#) (1/13, Caspani) reports Grafton Thomas, the suspect “accused of stabbing at least five people in a rampage at the home of a Hasidic rabbi during a Hanukkah celebration” in Monsey, New York “could face a death penalty if one of his alleged victims, still in a coma, dies, a judge said on Monday.” Thomas appeared in a White Plains, New York court where he pleaded not guilty to federal hate crimes for the Dec. 28 attack on members of the Orthodox Jewish community.

The [Middletown \(NY\) Times Herald-Record](#) (1/13, Spillane, Bandler) reports Thomas owned a journal “that mentioned Nazism and Hitler, according to a federal complaint. Records show that the FBI searched his home and his car and found packaging for an 18-inch machete, as well as references to Jews, Hitler, the Nazi culture, and the Black Hebrew Israelites, the extremist group connected to one of the shooters in the recent attack on a kosher grocery store in Jersey City, New Jersey.” The [AP](#) (1/13) also provides coverage.

FBI Supporting Maine Police Following Weekend Shooting

The [Portland \(ME\) Press Herald](#) (1/13) reports that the FBI is permanently assigning one of its Safe Streets Task Force agents to Lewiston, Maine, after a weekend shooting led to the arrest of three people. Local authorities suspect that the shooting is linked to an growth in narcotics-related crimes in the state.

The [Lewiston \(ME\) Sun Journal](#) (1/13) reports Lewiston Police Chief Brian O’Malley “said ‘a group of out-of-town individuals moved to Lewiston recently, and it seems that a lot of the violence in that area is associated with drug trafficking.’”

TECHNOLOGY

Colorado Unable To Pinpoint Source Of Mysterious Drones

In continuing coverage of the mysterious drones spotted over Colorado and Nebraska, the [Denver \(CO\) Post](#) (1/13) reports that the Colorado Department of Public Safety announced its efforts to locate the source of the drones has come up short. The Post says the Colorado Information Center received reports of the drones starting in November, but the agency did not begin conducting field operations until January 6. Colorado Department of Public Safety Executive Director Stan Hilkey said in a statement, “While I can’t conclusively say we have solved the mystery, we have been able to rule out a lot of the activity that was causing concern.” He added that the agency will continue to remain vigilant and respond as new information comes in.”

GLOBAL SECURITY

Authorities Say Shooters In New Jersey Attack Had “Greater Acts Of Mayhem” Planned

[USA Today](#) (1/13, McDonald, Zurita) reports, “The couple responsible for what authorities have called a deadly anti-Semitic attack at a kosher market in Jersey City last month planned ‘greater acts of mayhem’ on Jewish people and law enforcement, authorities said Monday.” According to USA Today, “The shooters searched Google for information on a community center in Bayonne, New Jersey, and left behind a note referring to anti-cop remarks featured in a 1990 document called ‘The FBI’s War on Black America,’ authorities said. Federal and state officials revealed the information about the attack during a press conference in Newark.” USA Today adds, “The violence in Jersey City came amid a rise in attacks on Jewish people and law enforcement.”

Orthodox Jews in Brooklyn and about three weeks before a Dec. 28 machete attack at a Hanukkah party in Rockland New York, that left five injured.”

The [Wall Street Journal](#) (1/13, De Avila, Subscription Publication) says that according to officials, the attack observed the deli months before the attack and researched other Jewish centers. At a news conference Monday, off the pair also shot out the back window of a vehicle driven by Hasidic Jew in early December. FBI Newark Office Special Charge Gregory Ehrie said that “until this attack, there is nothing that would have put these two individuals on anyb The [New York Times](#) (1/13, Shanahan) says law enforcement authorities are treating the attack on the market domestic terrorism.”

No Casualties In Predawn Explosion That Rocks Stockholm

The [AP](#) (1/13) reports from Stockholm, “A predawn explosion rocked central Stockholm Monday, causing damage to buildings and parked cars but no casualties. Swedish police said explosives were used, but ruled out terrorism.” The “The explosion occurred outside the entrance to a building housing a business and several apartments and led to the evacuation of dozens of apartments. It could be heard several kilometers away.” Stockholm police chief Erik Widstra was “one of the most powerful we have had in the region.” According to the AP, “Sweden has in recent years seen several shootings linked to feuding gangs, and Monday’s episode could be linked to that.”

ALSO IN THE NEWS

As Warning To Motorists, Police Return Car To Intersection At Which It Was Struck By Train

The [Raleigh \(NC\) News & Observer](#) (1/13) reports a Honda Accord which was hit after becoming stuck on “railroad tracks at the intersection of Aviation Parkway and Chapel Hill Road” two days after Thanksgiving is now “parked on a trailer at the intersection, under a banner that reads, ‘Respect the Crossing. Respect the Tracks.’” Morrisville police placed it there as a warning of what can happen if drivers are careless at a railroad crossing, said police Lt. Tim Hendrickson.” The driver of the Accord “overshot the intersection and ended up turning onto the tracks, where the car got lodged.” The News & Observer reports that “the driver and two passengers” were able to escape the vehicle before it “was hit by an Amtrak train headed t

MONDAY'S LEAD STORIES

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The [AP](#) (1/10) reported, "New York City will install 100 new security cameras in ultra-Orthodox Jewish neighborhoods in an effort to prevent anti-Semitic attacks, Mayor Bill de Blasio announced Friday." According to the AP, "Fear has gripped city's Orthodox Jewish community since the fatal Dec. 10 attack at a kosher grocery store across the Hudson River in and the Dec. 29 stabbings at a Hanukkah celebration in suburban Monsey." Police officials "say anti-Semitic crimes in City jumped 21% in 2019 compared with 2018."

US Attorney General Calls On Congress To Reauthorize Fentanyl Prohibitions

In a [Washington Post](#) (1/10) op-ed, Attorney General Barr writes that "the legal prohibitions on the various forms of fentanyl," a synthetic opioid which is driving a surge in drug overdose fatalities, "expire next month unless Congress

them.” Barr says that if Congress doesn’t take action, “illegal labs in Mexico and China stand ready to flood the United States with what would be a legalized poison.” Barr adds that despite there being “bipartisan support for reauthorizing the ban,” House leadership is obstructing the measure, and he calls upon Congress to pass it.

WPost Outlines Solutions To Prevent “Suicide By Cop”

In an editorial, the [Washington Post](#) (1/10) says, “There are nearly 1,000 fatal police shootings in the United States each year, and experts estimate that about 100 of them are...suicide by cop.” The Post argues officers’ “typical response to an officer in emotional distress” may only increase one’s “anxiety and exacerbate the situation, while advancing toward them puts the officer in unnecessary danger.” Instead, the Post suggests officers “be trained not to point weapons at potentially innocent people, to move a safe distance away and continue backing away when possible, and to converse with the person rather than shouting commands.”

Florida Lawmakers Expected To Consider School Panic Alarms

The [Wall Street Journal](#) (1/12, Campo-Flores, Subscription Publication) reports that legislation that would require panic alarms in Florida public schools is expected to be considered in the state’s legislative session that starts this week. According to the Journal, the alerts silently transmit information, such as the location of the caller, school floor plans, and live video from campus cameras, to 911 dispatchers and police. Users can trigger alarms by a radio, pendant or smartphone app. The Journal adds that most schools would limit access to teachers and other staff.

Michigan Bill Would Ban Cellphone Use By Drivers Under 18

The [AP](#) (1/11, Eggert) reported that Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer “and safety advocates want to combat distracted driving by restricting the use of cellphones, though pending legislation does not go as far as what she proposed nearly a year ago.” The bill “would prohibit motorists under 18 from using a phone while operating a vehicle, except in emergencies, however, would be exempt from the ban that already applies to drivers with a learner’s or intermediate permit – typically for 16- and 17-year-olds.” According to the AP, “Twenty-one states bar hand-held phone use by all motorists, including five states that have passed laws since Whitmer called for a universal hands-free law in her first State of the State speech 11 months ago for us to join that group,” she said this past week in Detroit, where she was joined by activists including the parents of three children who were killed in crashes caused by distracted driving.”

California Mulls Switching To Shorter Probation Terms

The [AP](#) (1/11, Thompson) reported that California Gov. Gavin Newsom “is proposing to overhaul California’s probation system by greatly reducing the time a convict is under supervised release, but increasing rehabilitation programs at the end of the probationary period, when they are considered the most effective.” Newsom “wants to put what he called ‘an unprecedented amount of money’ into a new effort to provide intensive services to those on the lower end of the criminal justice food chain: those serving probation for misdemeanor crimes.” The effort is “driven in part by a recent scourge of car burglars have become so emboldened in California’s urban areas that some San Francisco Bay Area gang members are traveling hundreds of miles to steal from tourists’ vehicles in Los Angeles. They are the sort of property crimes that do not merit prison time under the state’s voter-approved criminal justice reforms, but make life miserable for victims. ‘This is directly to the car break-ins, this goes to the petty crime issue, this should be celebrated by the law enforcement community because of the intensity of services we want to provide,’ Newsom said.”

Phoenix, Arizona Police To Use Federal Funds To Fight Surge In Street Racing

The [Arizona Republic](#) (1/10, Curtis) reported, “The Phoenix Police Department can begin using \$100,000 of federal money to create a new street-racing task force, the Arizona Governor’s Office of Highway Safety said.” Phoenix Police Chief G. M. “sent a letter to the office on Dec. 13 to formally request funding for a task force, said office Director Alberto Gutierrez. “granting the Police Department \$100,000 of National Highway Traffic Safety Administration money that wasn’t spent on other projects.”

2019 fiscal year was approved Dec. 26, Gutier said.” The Republic adds, “Late last year, Phoenix experienced an increase in street-racing activity, according to Phoenix police spokeswoman Sgt. Mercedes Fortune,” who “explained that between 200 and 300 people have been repeatedly found gathering for street-racing activities in which intersections were physically blocked and reckless driving was occurring.”

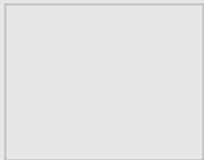
Study Finds Electric Scooter Injuries On The Rise

[Reuters](#) (1/10, Carroll) reported, “Injuries and hospital admissions involving sharable two-wheeled electric scooters are on the rise in the U.S., a new study finds.” According to Reuters, “Most concerning, researchers say, is that nearly a third of those showing up at hospitals after an accident involving the powered, standing scooters had a head injury. ‘While most people recover from head injuries, there is going to be a subset with long term disability and life changes,’ said coauthor Dr. Jeffrey Breyer of the University of California, San Francisco. ‘I would like people to be aware of the risks and protect themselves.’” Reuters added, “One big problem is that riders often don’t wear helmets, Breyer said. And it’s not clear how to fix that because the decision to take an e-scooter can be spur of the moment, he added.”

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CRIME & DRUGS

US Charges 13 In Bust Of New Jersey Cocaine Ring

[NJ News](#) (1/10, Goldman) reported, “Thirteen people who federal authorities say were part of a drug-distribution ring that sold cocaine and crack cocaine in Monmouth and Ocean counties for months before being busted last summer were indicted.” According to NJ News, “Investigators set up wiretaps to intercept phone calls and text messages ahead of a coordinated takedown involving federal, state and local authorities in August.” NJ News added, “The drug ring mainly operated in the Cliffwood section of Aberdeen, Asbury Park, Brick, Keansburg, Matawan, Keyport, Red Bank, Long Branch and Freehold. Beginning in April, “Damion Helmes obtained cocaine from Derrick Hayes and Dequan Copeland, converted some of the cocaine and distributed it to dealers and sub-dealers to be sold, authorities said.” Investigators “seized \$7,204 in cash and a handgun from Helmes – also known as ‘Checks’ and ‘Cutty,’ according to court papers – as well as .45-caliber semi-automatic handgun. Helmes was arrested in late August. As a previously convicted felon, Helmes is not permitted to own a gun.”

[Central Jersey \(NJ\)](#) (1/10) reported that US Attorney Craig Carpenito announced last week that Helmes, Darrin Stephens, Shantay Walker, Keith Logan, Shamar Dudley, Tonya Underwood, Elizabeth Conover, Curtis Jenkins, Ralph

Yarbrough “were charged with conspiracy to distribute and possession with intent to distribute more than 280 gram cocaine.” Central Jersey added, “In addition, Helmes, Stephens, Walker, Logan, Dudley, Underwood, Conover, Jenkin Yarbrough, Derrick Hayes, Dequan Copeland and Cassius Williams were charged with conspiracy to distribute and possession with intent to distribute more than 500 grams of cocaine, Carpenito said.” According to Central Jersey, “Through the interception of telephone calls and text messages pursuant to court authorized wiretap orders, and other investigative techniques, law enforcement officers learned Helmes obtained regular supplies of cocaine from Hayes and Copeland.”

UK Police Say Assault On Prison Guards Was Terrorist Attack

The [AP](#) (1/10) reported from London, “Two inmates wearing fake suicide belts attacked and wounded a guard maximum-security prison in England, police said Friday. Detectives are treating the incident as a terrorist attack.” The Metropolitan Police force “said the officer was injured in the head and neck with ‘improvised bladed weapons’ during Thursday attack at Whitemoor prison in eastern England. Four other prison staff members who came to the guard’s aid were also hurt, the police force said.” Police “said the attackers were ‘wearing belts with various items crudely attached’ and two inmates were subdued and detained by prison staff.”

TECHNOLOGY

NYTimes Analysis: Florida Facial Recognition Technology Has Mixed Results

The [New York Times](#) (1/12, Valentino-Devries) takes a detailed look at the use of facial recognition technology in law enforcement departments in Florida, reporting that police say they query “one of the oldest and largest facial recognition systems in the country” about 4,600 times per month. But the technology “is no magic bullet: Only a small percentage of the queries result in open investigations of unknown suspects. ... The tool has been effective with clear images...but when investigators input a name to a suspect glimpsed in grainy surveillance footage, it has produced significantly fewer results.”

Loveland, Colorado Police Department Encrypts Radio Traffic

The [Denver Post](#) (1/10, Julig) reported that the Loveland, Colorado Police Department “encrypted its radio traffic in October, the latest in a growing trend of law enforcement agencies in the region making their scanners inaccessible to the public.” Department spokesperson Jan Bureson “said that the decision to encrypt was made out of a concern for officer safety. The department “has had incidents where criminals, especially burglars, have used the scanner to monitor police activity,” he said. Privacy for officers and victims also became a concern in the digital age, where most people have the ability to intercept scanner traffic, he said. ‘Trying to balance that with transparency was a difficult decision,’ Bureson said.”

GLOBAL SECURITY

Federal Officials Believe Man Tied To Neo-Nazis Is Behind Several Bomb Threats

[The Hill](#) (1/11, Moreno) reports federal officials believe a Virginia man linked to a neo-Nazi group “is behind a series of bomb threats and ‘swatting’ attacks targeting journalists, government officials and others, according to The [Washington Post](#).” The man, John William Kirby Kelley, “appeared before a federal court in Alexandria on Friday.” The Hill adds that “according to The Post, officials have been investigating Kelley since 2018, when he allegedly called Old Dominion University in Norfolk, Va., claiming someone armed with an AR-15 had hidden pipe bombs around campus.”

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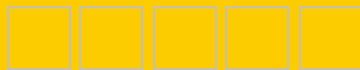
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