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**Media consultant** and former television news journalist turned **media relations director** for two large Washington, DC area police departments talks about the **benefits of hiring former journalists for your police agency**. Julie Parker shares her **tips** for how to get your **civilian PIO** up and running in a law enforcement world. She shares her experience regarding breaking into a culture that can be, ahem, somewhat averse to change. She'll detail **how hiring media-savvy civilian public information officers (PIOs) can jumpstart positive press** for your agency from the moment the PIO is hired. She'll also outline how **chiefs and commanders** can best support their **new media hires**.

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

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

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



### Prison Reform Bill Advances In Senate.

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

### Missouri Lawmaker Wants To Abolish Small Town Police Departments.

The [St. Louis Post-Dispatch](#)   (12/17, Erickson) reports from Jefferson City, Missouri, "Dozens of small town police departments in St. Louis County could be required to merge with other cities or contract with the county police department for services under legislation introduced in the Capitol." Rep. Justin Hill, "a former O'Fallon police officer, wants to force any city with a population of 5,000 or fewer inhabitants, with an area of less than 2 square miles, to disband its police department and contract for law enforcement services with either the county police department or a larger neighboring city. 'We just want to increase professionalism,' Hill told the Post-Dispatch on Monday. 'St. Louis and the region suffer as a whole because of the history of municipalities in St. Louis County.'"






### Arkansas Governor Backs Effort To Cut Concealed Gun License Fee.

The [AP](#)   (12/17) reports from Little Rock, Arkansas that Gov. Asa Hutchinson "is backing an effort to cut in half the license fees for carrying a concealed handgun." Hutchinson "says he supports legislation filed on Monday to cut the initial filing fee for a concealed handgun license from \$100 to \$50." The measure "would also cut the license renewal fee from \$50 to \$25." Hutchinson "says he believes the measure strikes the 'right balance' in reducing the fees."

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



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

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


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

## CRIME & DRUGS



### Barrio Azteca Seen As Top Texas Gang Threat.

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

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

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


### Feds, Task Force Untangle Large Drug Trafficking Operation.

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

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

### Suspicious Packages Sent To Three Baltimore Synagogues.

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



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

## TECHNOLOGY

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### London Police Test Facial Recognition Technology.

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

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

## MONDAY’S LEAD STORIES

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## POLICING & POLICY



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

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



### **Scotland Yard Mulls Armed Foot Patrols To Tackle Gang Violence.**

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

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



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


### **DC Nears Passage Of Law Allowing Temporary Seizure Of Guns.**





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

## CRIME & DRUGS



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

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

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

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



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

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

### **Thieves Steal Renoir Painting Ahead Of Auction In Austria.**

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

### **US Drug Trafficking Business Contributing To Rising Knife Crimes.**

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

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

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

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

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[Newsday \(NY\)](#) [!\[\]\(dd161862f9164df98f62b726e9846241\_img.jpg\)](#) [!\[\]\(370afeb5bfccb68f3befb985d1441328\_img.jpg\)](#) (11/29, O'Keeffe) reports, "Suffolk police will soon unleash a \$215,000 marketing blitz intended to persuade Hispanics and others in the county's minority communities to take the department's spring entrance exam." Suffolk County Executive Steve Bellone and Police Commissioner Geraldine Hart "said the marketing campaign, scheduled to begin after Christmas, is part of a broader effort to improve services to Suffolk's minority residents. 'Our goal is to get as many people as possible taking the test from as diverse a group as possible,' Bellone said in an interview Thursday. 'We want to make sure we continue to move toward a police department that fully reflects the diversity of our county because we understand a police force that is fully reflective of the people it serves is more effective.'"

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

commitment to using research and data analysis to improve police operations while in Jacksonville. She is an associate member of the **International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP)** and a member of the **International Association of Crime Analysts (IACA)**. Ms. Roush holds a Master of Science in Social Science and a Bachelor of Arts in Geography from The Florida State University.

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## POLICING & POLICY

### Administration To Announce Bump Stock Ban Soon.



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

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

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

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



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

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



## CRIME & DRUGS



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



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



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



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









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

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



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

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



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

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



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

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



### FBI Task Force Seeks Information On Idaho Fugitive.

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

### **Bail Revoked For Subject Of FBI Manhunt.**

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



### **Nineteen Arrested In New Jersey Gang Bust.**

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

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

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

### **Officers Find Drugs, Weapons During Georgia Traffic Stop.**

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

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## TECHNOLOGY

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

[BBC News Online \(UK\)](#) [f](#) [t](#) (11/28) reports that “considerable investment” is needed “to get consistency from the police’s use of facial recognition, according to a Cardiff University study.” South Wales Police “has used automated facial recognition (AFR) technology at several events in Cardiff since the Champions League final in June 2017.” The study “found the accuracy of AFR has improved since its introduction, but does worsen in bad light or big crowds.” The technology “compares scans of faces with online databases in order to identify possible people of interest to police.” It “was first used in the city centre at the Champions League final in June 2017, but it led to more than 2,000 people being wrongly matched with possible criminals.”

## ALSO IN THE NEWS

### Massachusetts’ Effort To Track Hate Crime Is Commended.

In an editorial, the [Newburyport \(MA\) Daily News](#) [f](#) [t](#) (11/28) notes that “one year ago this month, Gov. Charlie Baker reconstituted the Hate Crimes Task Force, which was disbanded in 2003 when Gov. Mitt Romney vetoed \$100,000 in state funds for the panel,” and “the task force of representatives from law enforcement, universities, religious and advocacy groups held a series of ‘listening sessions’ around the state.” The task force’s work “led to a recommendation by Baker this week that all police departments in Massachusetts name at least one officer to serve as point person for hate crime reports,” and Baker “also recommended those designated officers report any criminal act that appears to be motivated by bias to a new website being developed by the state Executive Office of Public Safety.” The Daily News argues, “Such sharing among police and the public is commendable,” as “one of the surest ways to address hate-motivated crimes is to drag them out into the open.”

## WEDNESDAY'S LEAD STORIES

- [Pennsylvania’s Auditor General Issues Recommendations To Curb Gun Deaths.](#)
- [Body Found In Search For Missing North Carolina Girl.](#)
- [New York Police To Beef Up Security For Rockefeller Center Tree Lighting Ceremony.](#)
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## POLICING & POLICY

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

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

### Canada Allocating Millions To Fight Gun Smuggling, Violence.

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

### New Jersey Outlaws Four Types Of New-Age Firearms.







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

## CRIME & DRUGS





### Afghanistan Veteran Kills 12 In California Bar Before Killing Himself.

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

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







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

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

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

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



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

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





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

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


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

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



### Probe Follows Port Of Genoa Heroin Discovery.

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

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

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






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

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

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## OFFICER SAFETY & WELLNESS

### First Responders Share Mental Health Struggles To Help Others.

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





the worst day of their lives.”

## TECHNOLOGY

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

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

### Dutch Police Decrypt Messages After Breaking IronChat Crypto App.

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

## THURSDAY'S LEAD STORIES

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Greetings Jody Kasper

Monday, November 12, 2018





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## POLICING & POLICY

### US Looks To Other Nations For Security Guidance.

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

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

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

### UK Police Seek To Recruit Female Officers.

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



## CRIME & DRUGS


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







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

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



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

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

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




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

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

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

### **One Dead In Melbourne Stabbing Attack.**

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


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

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


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

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

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

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

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


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

### **Australian Woman Arrested After Needles Found In Strawberries.**

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

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

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

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

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

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Dear Jody,

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



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

So, what does this mean for our customers?

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

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Shawn Smith  
Founder and President, Vigilant Solutions

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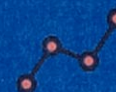
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Dear Chief,

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

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

Copying Alan in for his thoughts.

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

On Mon, Dec 18, 2017 at 7:44 AM, David Narkewicz <[dnarkewicz@northamptonma.gov](mailto:dnarkewicz@northamptonma.gov)> wrote:  
Dear Chief,  
  
As I prepare to issue my veto of later today, I wanted you to have one final look at the proposed ordinance revisions which I streamlined slightly to maximize the amount of original text I retained. Attached is a PDF which show the highlighted revisions in the context of the original ordinance. I still firmly believe that an ordinance is not necessary - a point I make emphatically in my veto message - but given the alternative...  
  
Please review and advise ASAP,  
David

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CITY OF NORTHAMPTON  
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*In the Year Two Thousand and Seventeen*  
Upon the Recommendation of

17.397  
AN ORDINANCE

ESTABLISHING RESTRICTIONS ON THE USE OF  
SURVEILLANCE TECHNOLOGY IN PUBLIC PLACES

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

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

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4 § 285-52 Surveillance technology.

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

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

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

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

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

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30 D. Exceptions. The restrictions set forth herein shall not apply to:

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

Hello all,

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

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

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

Ryan

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City Councilor At-Large  
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CITY OF NORTHAMPTON  
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*In the Year Two Thousand and Seventeen*

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

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6 **A. Definitions. For the purposes of this section, “surveillance technology” means**  
7 **hardware or software that records and/or transmits data for the purpose of**  
8 **observing and/or recording the identity, movement or actions of individuals**  
9 **or vehicles within the public way, including but not limited to video cameras,**  
10 **license plate readers, facial recognition systems and mobile phone location**  
11 **readers.**  
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13 **B. Prohibition. Within the Central Business District, surveillance technology**  
14 **shall not be deployed and/or operated in a fixed location on public property**  
15 **or property leased and/or controlled by the City for a period of more than**  
16 **one day.**  
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18 **C. Exceptions. This section shall not apply to public property that is part of the**  
19 **municipal parking system.**

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

Our plan:

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

Fears/Concerns

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

Data from Research

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

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

#### Information from Other Communities

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

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

### Information from Northampton PD

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

### Calls

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

### Other

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

Many thanks. Dennis

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Dennis P. Bidwell

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**Subject:** Re: NPD Camera Policy- DRAFT

And the attachment....

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

Good Morning City Councilors,

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

Jody

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From: **Michael Allard** <[mallard@northamptonma.gov](mailto:mallard@northamptonma.gov)>

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

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

To: Jonathan <[jon@jrupprechtlaw.com](mailto:jon@jrupprechtlaw.com)>

Cc: Patrick Moody <[pmoody@northamptonma.gov](mailto:pmoody@northamptonma.gov)>

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

## Bill S.1664

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

Section 99C.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Respectfully,

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Here you go.

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# Community Discussion on Downtown Cameras

September 13, 2017



# Current Conditions in Downtown

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



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

# Downtown Statistics- Reported

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

# Notable Cases- Solved

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



# Notable Cases- Solved

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

# Notable Cases- Unsolved

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

# Notable Cases- Unsolved

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

# Current City-operated Cameras

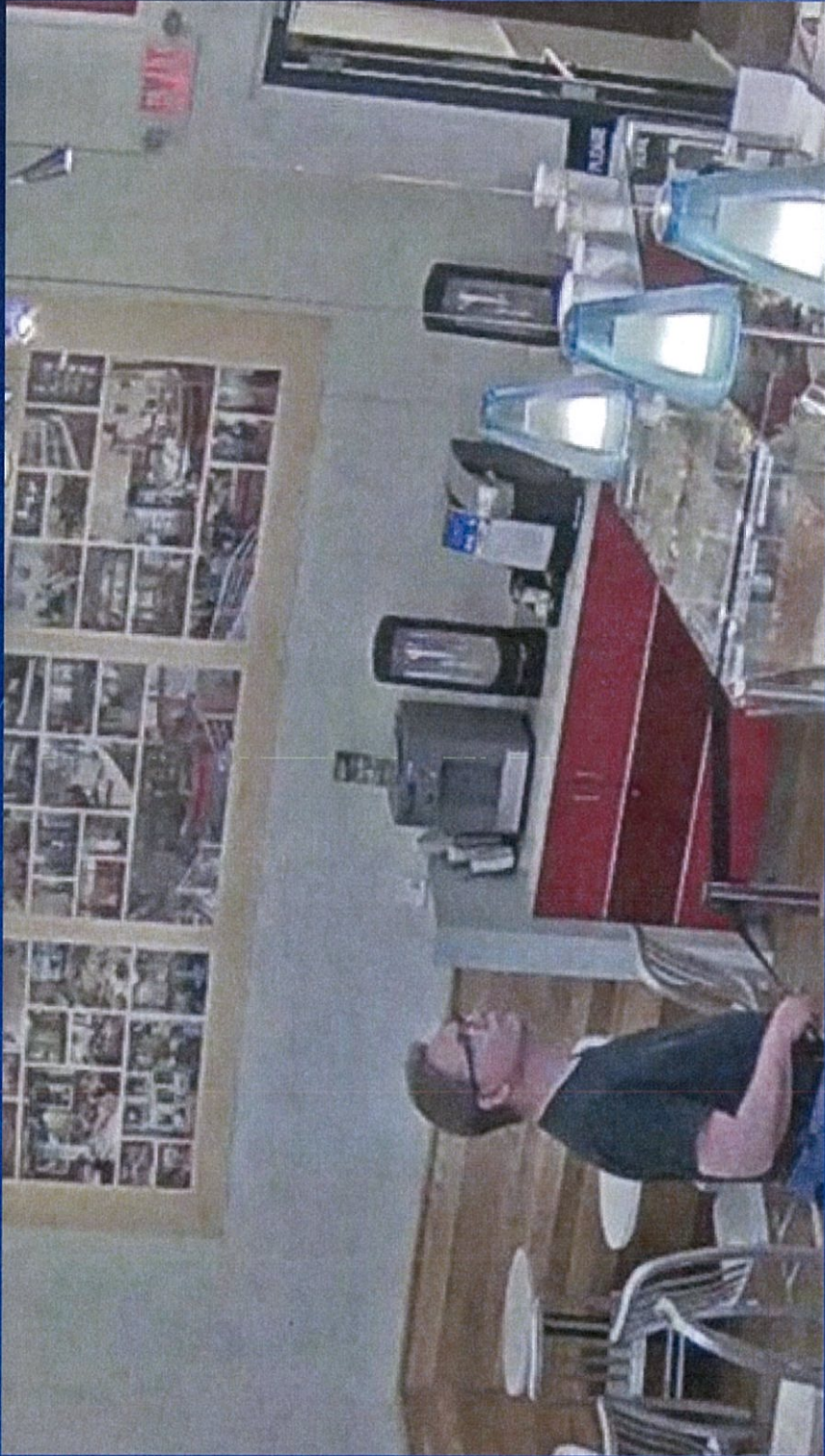
- 10-12 cameras in the parking garage
- NHS, JFK, Smith Vocational
- All primary line cruisers have Provision and are continuously recording
- Police facility has interior and exterior cameras (includes Center Street, booking rooms, cells)
- Fire facility has interior and exterior cameras





# Other Cameras

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







# Surrounding Communities with Cameras

- Easthampton
- Amherst
- Belchertown
- Holyoke



# What would a system in our city look like?

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

# What would a system in our city look like?

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

# How would it work?

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



# How would it work?

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

# What's in the Draft Policy?

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

# Why now?

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



# What would the benefits be?

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

The image features a dark blue background with a large, lighter blue curved shape on the right side. The word "Questions" is written in a yellow, sans-serif font, oriented vertically in the center of the image.

# Questions

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

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

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

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

Mike,

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

Jody

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Respectfully.

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# Drone Public Meeting Plan

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

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## Jody Kasper

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NEWS

## Northampton City Councilors introduce measures opposing security cameras in downtown area

Updated Sep 15, 2017;  
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By [Lucas Ropak | lropek@repub.com](mailto:lropek@repub.com)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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Jody –

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

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**Sent:** Friday, April 12, 2019 2:27 PM  
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**Subject:** Fwd: ACLU Public Records Request

Good Afternoon Alan,

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

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

to this technology.

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

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

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

10. Same as above.

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

Jody

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From: **Emiliano Falcon** <[efalcon@aclum.org](mailto:efalcon@aclum.org)>

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

Subject: ACLU Public Records Request

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Cc: Kade Crockford <[kcrockford@aclum.org](mailto:kcrockford@aclum.org)>, Bill Newman <[Newman@lnn-law.com](mailto:Newman@lnn-law.com)>

Good Morning,

Please see attached.

Best regards,

Emiliano

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**Chief Jody D. Kasper**  
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Good Morning Antonio,

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

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

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

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

Thank you.

Jody

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**Chief Jody D. Kasper**  
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Good Afternoon Craig,

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

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April 11, 2019

**Sent via email**

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

Dear Supervisor Lawnicki,

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

The ACLU seeks records<sup>1</sup> relating to the Northampton Police Department plans for, acquisition of, and/or use of facial-recognition<sup>2</sup> technology, including but not limited to products and services like Amazon Rekognition, Microsoft Face API, or NEC NeoFace.

**Records requested**

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

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

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

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

<sup>3</sup> “Communications” includes emails to and from Northampton Police Department employees.

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



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

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kade Crockford". The signature is stylized and somewhat cursive.

Kade Crockford  
Director  
Technology for Liberty Program  
ACLU of Massachusetts

Dear Chief Kasper,

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

Thank you for your time and attention.

Regards,

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

## The Problem

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

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

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

## The Solution

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

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

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

### 1. Participation

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

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

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

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

## 2. Privacy

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

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

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

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

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

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

## 3. Public Accountability

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

<sup>vi</sup> "Negative View of US Race Relations Grows, Poll Finds," [New York Times](#), May 4, 2015.

<sup>vii</sup> "Almost All Police Departments Plan to use Body Cameras," [Governing](#), Jan. 26, 2016.

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

# Body-worn cameras

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

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

do it **RIGHT**



## Participation

- › **Engage** the community to assess local priorities
- › Use a **public process** to shape and approve policies
- › **Disclose** policies and key footage to the public

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## Public accountability

- › **Limit officer discretion** to turn off cameras
- › Require officers to **write initial reports** before viewing camera footage
- › **Discipline** officers who violate policy

## Learn more

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





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

**June 23, 2016**

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

**Section 1: Findings**

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

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

**-OR-**

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



## **Section 2: Purpose**

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

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

## **Section 3: Definitions**

(a) “Body camera” shall refer to a device worn by an officer that can record both audio and video of an interaction between an officer and a civilian.

(b) “Civilian” or “member of the public” shall refer to any person who is not an on-duty police officer.

(c) “Officer” shall refer to a sworn member of the Department.

(d) “Subject” shall refer to any individual who appears on video footage recorded by a body camera, except those who appear only incidentally.

## **Section 4: Use Protocols**

(a) Only officers with the authority to conduct searches and make arrests shall be permitted to wear a body camera.

(b) Before each shift, officers shall inspect and test their body cameras to verify that they are working properly and fully charged, and shall notify their supervisor of any problems.

(c) Body cameras shall be worn openly in a prominent location on the officer’s body, uniform, or clothing, and in a manner that maximizes the camera’s ability to capture video footage of the officer’s activities.

(d) Body cameras shall not be used surreptitiously.

(e) Both the video and audio recording functions of the body camera shall be activated whenever an officer is responding to a call for service or at the initiation of any other law enforcement or investigative encounter between an officer and a member of the public, except that when an immediate threat to the officer’s life or safety makes activating the camera impossible or dangerous, the officer shall activate the camera at the first reasonable opportunity to do so. The body camera shall not be deactivated until the encounter has fully concluded and the officer leaves the scene.

(f) As close to the start of the encounter as is reasonably possible, an officer who is wearing a body camera shall notify the subject(s) of the recording that they are being recorded by a body camera.

(g) Notwithstanding the requirements of subsection (e):

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## **Section 5: Retention and Access**

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

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

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

(A) Any use of force;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### **Section 6: Enforcement**

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

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

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

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

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

#### **Section 7: Effective Date**

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

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Greetings Jody Kasper

Friday, August 24, 2018



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## POLICING & POLICY



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

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

### Minneapolis Police To Hire Sexual Violence Victim Advocate.



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

### Officials Moving Against Scam Artists Preying On California Fire Victims.

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

## COMMUNITY

### Palo Alto, California Police To Launch Student Police Academy.

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

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## CRIME & DRUGS

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

[NBC News](#) [!\[\]\(e1d6102fe77919492c04879c8450f1f5\_img.jpg\)](#) [!\[\]\(f18214e08965a1644d0b2b0878fd365f\_img.jpg\)](#) (8/23) reports Phoenix, Arizona Police, working with federal authorities “have discovered a sophisticated drug-smuggling tunnel that went from a home in Mexico to an abandoned fast-food restaurant in Arizona.” Officers discovered the tunnel by trailing the owner of the abandoned Kentucky Fried Chicken restaurant, and arresting “him this month after finding several packages of methamphetamine, cocaine, heroin and fentanyl in the back of his truck.”

## OFFICER SAFETY & WELLNESS

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

[Associated Press](#) [!\[\]\(35dc653d59570f8f891c312eeece91a2\_img.jpg\)](#) [!\[\]\(1059fe1e0dea2bf9365f075bf634e912\_img.jpg\)](#) (8/23) reports “seven Connecticut officers were exposed to a white powdery drug and two of them were hospitalized after a suspect threw a bag of suspected dope and it burst open during a search warrant raid.” The raid took place on Thursday in Hartford, Connecticut.

## TECHNOLOGY

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

[NBC News](#) [!\[\]\(aab88c0d099e5d18d6533a97b13ec28d\_img.jpg\)](#) [!\[\]\(30511f8b621e91d2a09037fa36f8d30d\_img.jpg\)](#) (8/23) reports, “Facial recognition technology caught an impostor trying to enter the US on a fake passport that may have passed at face value with humans, federal officials said Thursday,” and “the groundbreaking arrest came on just the third day the biometric technology has been used at Washington Dulles International Airport.” According to NBC News, “The 26-year-old man arrived Wednesday on a flight from Sao Paulo, Brazil, and presented a French passport to the customs officer, according to the U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP).” Using the new facial comparison biometric system, “the officer determined the unidentified traveler did not match the passport he presented,” and “after being sent for a secondary examination, an identification card from the Republic of Congo was found hidden at the bottom of the man’s shoe, officials said.”

## NATIONAL SECURITY

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### School Shooting Threat Leads To Arrest Of Texas Student.

[KTSM-TV](#) [!\[\]\(21226b58c700e5231ab98d27101bac58\_img.jpg\)](#) [!\[\]\(4f31e2a37243642416ceecc7ae8cad9f\_img.jpg\)](#) El Paso, TX (8/23) reports that Dallas Carrera, an El Paso teenager, was “arrested by the FBI after allegedly making a school shooting threat on social media.” In a news release, FBI investigators “said he posted a photo on Tuesday with a box full of empty assault rifle magazines with the caption ‘Don’t come to school tomorrow.’” According to agents, Carrera is currently in federal jail “where he remains pending a detention hearing.”

## THURSDAY'S LEAD STORIES

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- [UK Police Find Illegal Gun Factory, Make Three Arrests.](#)
- [Police Officers In Thailand Seize Large Amount Of Methamphetamine.](#)
- [German Police Detain Suspect In Bombing Plot.](#)
- [Cops In Goa, India To Check On Isolated Senior Citizens.](#)

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## POLICING & POLICY

### Oklahoma AG To Push For Mandate For Cold Cases.

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

## COMMUNITY

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

[KXAN-TV](#) [f](#) [t](#) Austin, TX (8/16) reports this fall Austin Community College’s Hays campus “will have a new addition: the Public Safety Training Center.” The center, “which opens on Aug. 21, will be used to train students on the criminal justice track as well as ACC’s Police Department and other public safety departments in the region.”

## FROM IACP

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

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## CRIME & DRUGS

### NHTSA Launches “Drugged-Driving” Awareness Campaign.

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

### Officers Say Pot Legalization Hikes Illicit Dope Business.

The [Boston Herald](#) [f](#) [t](#) (8/16) reports, “Police say a ‘gray market’ of illegal pot dealing is ‘thriving’ under the state’s marijuana legalization laws, and they’re concerned that it will boom as it has in states like California, where it is undercutting the licensed operations. ‘The gray market is already here,’ Walpole police Chief John Carmichael told the Herald.”

### **Police Officers Search For Drugs Following Mass Overdose In Connecticut.**



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

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



## **TECHNOLOGY**

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### **Minnesota County Equips Police Officers With Cameras On Handguns.**

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

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

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



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

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



## **NATIONAL SECURITY**

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

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



### **DOJ Hires Another 23 Immigration Judges.**

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

## **ALSO IN THE NEWS**

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## California Considers Limiting Felony Murder Law.

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

## THURSDAY'S LEAD STORIES

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- [Scotland Announces New Police Chief.](#)
- [Zanzibar Police Staff “Gender And Children Desks” To Address Gender-Based Violence.](#)
- [Opioid-Laced Synthetic Marijuana Linked To 49 Drug Overdoses In New Haven, Connecticut.](#)
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## POLICING & POLICY

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

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

### Chicago Police Increase Lollapalooza Security After October 1.

The [Las Vegas Review-Journal](#) [f](#) [t](#) (7/30, Crosby) reports that, in response to the October 1 massacre, "the second-in-command of Chicago police announced Monday that the department is bolstering security measures for the city's upcoming Lollapalooza music festival." The Grant Park "venue is surrounded by tall business buildings and hotels, similar to the Route 91 Harvest festival grounds." Chicago Police First Deputy Superintendent Anthony Riccio said, "We never had eyes on hotels before. ... We always assumed that if there was going to be a problem, it was going to be from right inside or right outside of the event. I think Vegas added a whole new level of concern for us." The [Chicago Sun-Times](#) [f](#) [t](#) (7/30, McDevitt) reports CPD Supt. Eddie Johnson said, "Las Vegas taught us all across the country to do things a bit differently. ... The important piece is to be prepared in the event that something does happen."

### Local Police In Germany Responsible For Immigration Enforcement.

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

### UK To Revisit Modern Slavery Laws As Gang Operations Evolve.

[BBC News Online \(UK\)](#) [f](#) [t](#) (7/30) reports the UK Home Office has announced the country's modern slavery legislation "is to be reviewed as criminal gangs find new ways to exploit victims." The 2015 laws, which introduced harsher sentences and more support for people forced into labor. According to the Home Office, the review aims to "minimise the risk that the goods and services available in the UK are produced through forced labour and slavery".

## CRIME & DRUGS

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

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

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

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

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

## FROM IACP

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



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## TECHNOLOGY

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

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

### **NBC News Evaluates Potential Of Police Facial Recognition Tech.**

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

## MONDAY'S LEAD STORIES

- [Virginia Beach, Virginia Police Department To Adopt Body Cameras.](#)
- [Montgomery, New York Police Find 200 Pounds Of Marijuana In Pick Up Truck.](#)
- [Hackers Planned To Use DC Police Computers To Transmit Ransomware.](#)
- [At Least Two Killed In Extremist Attack On Afghan Midwifery School.](#)

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## POLICING & POLICY

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

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

### Toronto To Deploy 200 Police Officers After Uptick In Shootings.

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

### Secret Service Produces Guide To Preventing School Shootings.

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

## CRIME & DRUGS

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

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



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

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





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





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

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

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

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

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

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

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## TECHNOLOGY

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



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

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

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

recognition software to law enforcement agencies.”

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

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

## THURSDAY'S LEAD STORIES

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

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## POLICING & POLICY

### Assam Police Begin Fining Violators Of Tobacco Control Law.

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

### Burlington, North Carolina Police Implement NIBRS.

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

## COMMUNITY

### Wayland, Massachusetts Police Department Offers To Collect Unwanted Guns.

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

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

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

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

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## CRIME & DRUGS

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

The [Wall Street Journal](#) [!\[\]\(ec9132f1d27c8919987d92907322654d\_img.jpg\)](#) [!\[\]\(9db1a20e6fdae9c15975d240125424df\_img.jpg\)](#) (7/10, Honan, Subscription Publication) reports murders in New York City are on the rise this year, according to data from the New York Police Department. Although the overall crime rate has continued to fall over the previous year, the statistics showed 147 murders as of June 30th, representing an 8 percent increase over the same period in 2017.

### FBI Investigates Woman's Death On Reservation.

The [AP](#) [!\[\]\(aa53ad6fea213b8b2226d3077e30533a\_img.jpg\)](#) [!\[\]\(a1c2189b125458bd8fa8822d0c2da6bc\_img.jpg\)](#) (7/10) reports that "the FBI is conducting a murder investigation after a woman was found dead on the Rocky Boy's Indian Reservation in north-central Montana." FBI spokeswoman Sandra Barker "says the woman's body was found on Saturday."

The [Great Falls \(MT\) Tribune](#) [!\[\]\(dd161862f9164df98f62b726e9846241\_img.jpg\)](#) [!\[\]\(370afeb5bfccb68f3befb985d1441328\_img.jpg\)](#) (7/10) reports that "Rocky Boy's Police Chief Larry Bernard said his officers will assist in the investigation, but that he could not provide any additional details regarding the woman's death." He said, "All I know is that it happened in Box Elder; it was a female, then after that the FBI showed up and they took over the case. ... I haven't heard anything else yet. I'd love to talk to you guys and I'd love to say things, but I can't because I've been informed to turn this case over to the FBI."

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

The [Chattanooga \(TN\) Times Free Press](#) [!\[\]\(fe3aebe81acea8d45108cd2768939da7\_img.jpg\)](#) [!\[\]\(0eef4a60de6ea648e23dfa6079e4dd07\_img.jpg\)](#) (7/10) reports that the Secret Service advised the Dalton Police Department on Tuesday morning that "several convincing counterfeit bills had been passed at a Dalton business and more could be in circulation." Several "counterfeit \$50 bills were passed at the Dollar General store on Riverburch Parkway in Dalton sometime in the month of June, according to Secret Service investigators."

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

The [Dayton \(OH\) Daily News](#) [!\[\]\(a8f9309f944226d1420f5fed22e2b6e6\_img.jpg\)](#) [!\[\]\(729993f67f08b74df2e570c12c53c92e\_img.jpg\)](#) (7/10) reports that "the search today of a local park is in connection with the disappearance of Chelsey Coe, Miamisburg Police Chief John Sedlak confirmed this afternoon." The Daily News says the search is expected to take three days and "Miamisburg police, the FBI and cadaver dogs are on the scene at Sugarcreek MetroPark, which is closed to the public." The report says that "on May 1, Coe's last-known address on Lower Miamisburg Road was raided and excavated." Authorities said "more than a dozen FBI, Ohio BCI, Miamisburg police and crews from the south suburban Tactical Crime Suppression Unit were part of that search."



Also reporting are [WXIX-TV](#) [!\[\]\(248b91fcdac4810ffd15cf33fb6aec6f\_img.jpg\)](#) [!\[\]\(3f4a2271a4366a6bc6b830ded36cdf1a\_img.jpg\)](#) Cincinnati (7/10) and [WDTN-TV](#) [!\[\]\(aba5d812f20f4a229ba8e41db3f10569\_img.jpg\)](#) [!\[\]\(7a463d66e21d5f431741fdb5dd939b80\_img.jpg\)](#) Dayton, OH (7/10).

## TECHNOLOGY



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

In continuing coverage, [CNET News](#) [!\[\]\(cbd8541a32dfc32f356f5c6c994b0a21\_img.jpg\)](#) [!\[\]\(a017f927204f44da2afc19329f6c4977\_img.jpg\)](#) (7/10, Zhou) reports the Orlando Police Department last week announced "plans to restart tests of controversial facial recognition software made by Amazon after complaints about privacy prompted the department to halt the program last month." CNET adds that "the Florida law enforcement agency will test the software, called Rekognition, with eight city-owned cameras, the department confirmed in an email." [Gizmodo](#) [!\[\]\(b6ea0cb221b83f6105efc9299160a0ba\_img.jpg\)](#) [!\[\]\(8bd9503822fe274438c253834950e608\_img.jpg\)](#) (7/10, Fussell) says OPD's decision "is sure to reignite concerns of privacy and civil liberties advocates who have pushed back against law enforcement's use of the technology." Gizmodo adds "concerns raised by activists, politicians, and Amazon worker[s] following" a recent ACLU report also "remain unaddressed by either Amazon or the OPD."

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

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

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

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

## **TUESDAY'S LEAD STORIES**

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- [Rise In RI Motorcycle Fatalities Leads State Police To Issue Safety Advisory.](#)
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## POLICING & POLICY



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



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

### Tacoma Police Officer Honored For Actions On October 1.



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

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



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

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

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

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



### **Nottinghamshire, UK Police Pilot “Misogyny Hate Crime Policy.”**

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

## **COMMUNITY**

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### **Indiana To Offer Free Handheld Metal Detectors To Schools.**

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

## **CRIME & DRUGS**

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### **FBI Investigates Philadelphia Bank Robberies.**

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

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



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

## **TECHNOLOGY**



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### **Law Enforcement’s Use Of Amazon Recognition Highlighted.**

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

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



### **Newsday Highlights Technological Advancements In Policing.**

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

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



## NATIONAL SECURITY

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

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

### Britain Suggests Russia Behind Latest Nerve Agent Case.

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

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

## MONDAY’S LEAD STORIES

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

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

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



## POLICING & POLICY

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

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

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

### US Senators Urge President To Back Criminal Justice Reform Bill.



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

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



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

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



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

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

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

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






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

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

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## COMMUNITY

### New London Police To Host Coffee With A Cop.



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

## CRIME & DRUGS



### Dozens Charged With Selling Drugs On Dark Web.

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

### **FBI Warns Consumers About Online Car Shopping.**

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



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



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

## **TECHNOLOGY**

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### **New Genetic Genealogy Technique Helps Crack 1992 Cold Case Murder.**



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

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

## **NATIONAL SECURITY**

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

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

## **TUESDAY'S LEAD STORIES**

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- [US Federal School Safety Commission To Meet In Kentucky.](#)
- [US Officials Decry “Alarming” Surge In Cocaine Production.](#)
- [Arizona Department Of Transportation Uses Facial Recognition Technology To Track Down Felon.](#)

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## POLICING & POLICY

### US Federal School Safety Commission To Meet In Kentucky.

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

### Report Shows US Human Trafficking Prosecutions Increased Through 2015.

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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



### **RCMP Vows To Improve Cultural Awareness On Indigenous Issues.**

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

## **CRIME & DRUGS**

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### **US Officials Decry “Alarming” Surge In Cocaine Production.**

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

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

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

### **New Zealand Police Make Arrests In Operation Targeting Meth.**

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



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

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

## TECHNOLOGY

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

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

## MONDAY'S LEAD STORIES

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- [US Supreme Court Rules Warrants Are “Generally Needed” To Collect Cellphone Location Data.](#)
- [Opioid Reclassification “More Than Doubled” Black Market Sales, Study Suggests.](#)
- [US Attorney General Warns Against Obstructing Border Police Amid Threats.](#)
- [Domestic Abusers Take Advantage Of Smart-Home Technology.](#)
- [IACP Holding Discussions On Community Policing, Building Trust.](#)

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## POLICING & POLICY

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



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

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



### Denver Police To Start Collecting Racial Data On Traffic Stops.

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

### New Jersey Begins Accepting Legal Sports Bets.



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

### Military Helping Train Police In Rio De Janeiro.

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





### Calgary Police Break Ground On New Arrest Processing Centre.



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

## CRIME & DRUGS



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



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

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

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



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



### US House Passes Bill Requiring Electronic Data On Foreign Packages.

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

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

### **Hungarian Court Sentences Smugglers For 71 Suffocation Deaths.**






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

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

## FROM IACP

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



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## NATIONAL SECURITY

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

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


## ALSO IN THE NEWS



### **Eiffel Tower Installing Bulletproof Glass Walls.**

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

## LAW ENFORCEMENT AT WORK

### **US Returns Stolen Columbus Letter To Vatican.**

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

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

## THURSDAY'S LEAD STORIES

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- [Law Enforcement May Be Prevented From Accessing iPhones After Settings Update.](#)
- [California Issues \\$37.5 Million In Grants To Combat Illegal Youth Tobacco Use.](#)
- [Scammers Make Billions From Business Email Compromise Fraud.](#)
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## POLICING & POLICY

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

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



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

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



### Nearly 300 Arrested In Mississippi Operation.

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



### **NYPD Defends Use Of Gang Database.**

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

### **New Jersey Governor Signs Six Gun Control Measures.**

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



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

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



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

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

### **Criminals Escaping Punishment For Smuggling Phones Into Costa Rican Prisons.**

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

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

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

## COMMUNITY

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



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

## CRIME & DRUGS

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### Scammers Make Billions From Business Email Compromise Fraud.

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

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

## TECHNOLOGY

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### British Man Threatens Legal Challenge Of Facial Recognition.

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

## IACP IN THE NEWS

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

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

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

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



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

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We are very excited to announce today that [Vigilant Solutions](#) has acquired the assets of [ShotCaller Global Inc.](#), developer of [GunOps™](#) and [DNAOps™](#) investigative solutions for law enforcement. This acquisition enables us to provide the law enforcement community with firearm forensic mapping and DNA crime mapping technology that complement our existing suite of automated license plate reader (ALPR) data, facial recognition technology and ballistics analysis solutions.

GunOps and DNAOps are web-based interactive investigation tools. GunOps allows law enforcement investigators and analysts to enter, visualize and access information about firearm-related crimes, forensic test results and armed criminals. DNAOps allows law enforcement to enter, visualize and access information about crimes where DNA has been recovered from crime scenes, using web-based mapping applications.

This means Vigilant Solutions is now well-positioned to help the law enforcement community to combat the growing epidemic of gun crime. Specifically, our enhanced suite of offerings enables us to provide law enforcement the ability to help identify the G.E.T. – geography, event and time – of gun crime.

Anyone who works with or for Vigilant Solutions knows that we are passionate about the fact that our solutions help to keep communities and law enforcement safe. This acquisition is exciting because it not only allows us to continue to achieve that goal, but also enables us to expand our capabilities and help law enforcement to eradicate violent gun crime.

If you are interested in learning more about GunOps, please contact us at [BeVigilant@VigilantSolutions.com](mailto:BeVigilant@VigilantSolutions.com).

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## POLICING & POLICY


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

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

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



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



### International Police Effort Leads To Shutdown Of Webstresser.org.



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

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

### **Proposed Bill Would Expand US National Threat Assessment Center.**

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

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

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

### **Toronto Attacker Possibly Tied To "Incel" Community.**



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

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

## **COMMUNITY**

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### **DEA Sponsors Drug Take Back Day Across US On Saturday.**

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

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

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

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

## FROM IACP

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

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## CRIME & DRUGS

### Record Amount Of Drugs Found Inside Container Shipped To Spain.

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

### US Charges 45 People On Drug Charges In New England.

The [AP](#) [f](#) [t](#) (4/25) reports from Concord, NH that “federal authorities in New Hampshire say a yearlong investigation led to the indictment of 45 people in a fentanyl trafficking ring allegedly run by two brothers from Massachusetts.” New Hampshire US Attorney Scott Murray “said Wednesday the operation, allegedly headed by Sergio and Raulin Martinez, used dispatchers and distributors to channel fentanyl from Lawrence, Massachusetts, into New Hampshire.” Murray “said authorities believe it’s the largest fentanyl case to be prosecuted in the district,” and “he said 32 people from the Lawrence area and 13 from New Hampshire were indicted.”

The [Boston Globe](#) [f](#) [t](#) (4/25, Takahama) reports that the operation was “led by two brothers from Lawrence, Mass.” Prosecutors “charged 28-year-old Sergio Martinez and 36-year-old Raulin Martinez – along with 27 other Massachusetts residents and 15 New Hampshire residents – with participating in a conspiracy to distribute fentanyl and possession with intent to distribute fentanyl, a statement from the New Hampshire Department of Justice’s office said. ‘Fentanyl is responsible for the lion’s share of overdose deaths in the Granite State,’” Murray said in a statement. The Globe adds, “the Martinez brothers allegedly worked out of a ‘base’ in Lawrence that was staffed by dispatchers who took drug orders over several ‘customer phones,’” and “the dispatchers would then arrange meetings between customers and distributors located throughout the Merrimack Valley, according to the statement.”

### Ohio Senators To Seek Grants To Help Police Detect Fentanyl.



The [Cleveland Plain Dealer](#) [f](#) [t](#) (4/25) reports, “To help police officers breathe easier when they find suspicious white powders at crime scenes, Sen. Sherrod Brown says he’ll introduce a bipartisan bill to fund purchases of high-tech portable drug screening devices for local law enforcement.” During a phone call with reporters, Cuyahoga Falls Police Chief Jack Davis “said stories of officers in Norwalk, East Liverpool and Cleveland being hospitalized after on-the-job fentanyl exposure have stopped police from conducting field tests on unknown powders they encounter.” Senator Brown “said the Providing Officers with Electronic Resources, or POWER Act, that he’s introducing with Ohio Republican Sen. Rob Portman would give Ohio law enforcement officers access to the same high-tech screening devices secured for Customs and Border Protection agents in the



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

## OFFICER SAFETY & WELLNESS

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

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

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

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## POLICING & POLICY

### US House Passes School Safety Bill 407-10.



The [Washington Times](#)   (3/14, Sherfinski) reports the US House of Representatives on Wednesday “easily passed a bill that would incentivize schools to develop threat assessment and safety plans, taking its first concrete steps to respond to last month’s school shooting in Parkland, Fla. on the one-month anniversary of the massacre.” The House “voted 407-10 to pass the legislation, which was sponsored by Rep. John Rutherford, Florida Republican.” The measure “allots \$50 million in annual grants to local schools to help them develop threat assessment and response plans, as well as initiatives to try to flag early warning signs of students who might be a danger to themselves or others.” The [AP](#)   (3/14, Daly, Freking) reports the bill “now goes to the Senate, where a similar measure is being considered.”

**ATF Head Tells Congress Laws To Ban Bump Fire Stocks Is Best Route.** [CNN](#)   (3/14, Shortell) reports that “the acting head of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives acknowledged Wednesday that he has been told by some attorneys that banning bump fire stocks through executive regulation would lead to court challenges that would delay the implementation of a ban.” According to CNN, “pressed by Democratic Connecticut Sen. Richard Blumenthal, ATF Acting Director Thomas Brandon told members of Congress that banning bump stocks through legislation would be ‘clearly the best route.’”

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



The [Kansas City \(MO\) Star](#)   (3/15) reports Kansas City-area police “will be out in force looking” for impaired drivers over the St. Patrick’s day holiday. Kansas City police “said they will work with the Jackson County Sheriff’s Department to conduct numerous saturation patrols in areas known for alcohol-related crashes or arrests.” The Star explains that the “early morning after St. Patrick’s Day is especially troublesome with nearly 70 percent of all fatal crashes between midnight and 6 a.m. on March 18 involving drunken drivers.”

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

The [Decatur \(IL\) Herald & Review](#)   (3/14) reports, “About 30 officials from the Macon County Sheriff’s Office, Decatur Police Department, Decatur Ambulance Service, Decatur Fire Department performed a training exercise Wednesday morning on the campus of St. Mary’s Hospital to practice several active shooter scenarios.” The Herald & Review says the exercise helped law enforcement and “also helped train hospital staff and other agencies should an active shooter event ever occur in the community.” For the hospital, the training exercise “was an opportunity to practice its own emergency management procedures.”

## COMMUNITY

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

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

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

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## CRIME & DRUGS

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

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

### Minnesota Mosque Bombers Arrested.



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

### Prince Albert Police To Offer Drug Amnesty.

[CBC \(CAN\)](#) [f](#) [t](#) (3/14) reports the Prince Albert Police Service “says it will join Saskatoon’s police force in asking people to surrender drugs without incurring legal consequences.” Under the Prince Albert program, “all drugs are eligible,” whereas in Saskatoon “it is restricted to cocaine the holder believes may be mixed with fentanyl.” Under the Saskatoon program, people can turn in drugs at the front desk of the department’s downtown headquarters, while Prince Albert police will respond to calls so officers can seize the drugs. The programs have come in “response to a string of overdoses in Saskatoon that has

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



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

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

## NATIONAL SECURITY

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

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

## IACP IN THE NEWS

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### IACP Asia-Pacific Regional Conference Opens.

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

## LAW ENFORCEMENT AT WORK

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

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

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## POLICING & POLICY

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

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

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

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



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

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

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



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

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

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




## COMMUNITY

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

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

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## CRIME & DRUGS

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

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

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

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



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

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

## OFFICER SAFETY & WELLNESS

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

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

## TECHNOLOGY

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

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

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## POLICING & POLICY

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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






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

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



## **CRIME & DRUGS**

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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## TECHNOLOGY



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

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

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

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

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



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

## LAW ENFORCEMENT AT WORK

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### FBI Recovers Chagall Painting Stolen In 1988.

Under the headline, "Marc Chagall Painting Stolen From New York Apartment Recovered By FBI After 30 Years," the [Washington Post](#)   (4/12, Hsu) reports that a Marc Chagall painting stolen from a New York City apartment in 1988 "has been recovered by the FBI and is expected to fetch several hundred thousand dollars at auction three decades after it went missing." The Post says "the theft was 'an inside job' by a temporary employee who had access to the apartment building in Manhattan's stately Sutton Place neighborhood when the owners were on vacation, FBI art crimes unit and Washington Field Office Special Agent Marc Hess said." According to the Post, "A Maryland associate of the thief who acquired the work after a dispute tried to sell it last year," but "a Washington art gallery owner balked...because the piece lacked documents proving ownership and referred the would-be seller to the FBI."

The [New York Times](#)   (4/12, Rashbaum) reports that the painting, along with more than a dozen others by Renoir, Picasso, Léger, Hopper, and others were stolen by "a team of sophisticated art thieves with ties to Bulgarian organized crime." Citing the FBI's Hess, the Times reports that the Chagall "was discovered in part because an aging criminal, a terminally ill man who is 72 and who had been involved with Bulgarian organized crime, wanted to make a clean breast of things before he dies."

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## POLICING & POLICY

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

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

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

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

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



### San Diego Police Create New Homelessness Division.



The [San Diego Union-Tribune](#) [f](#) [t](#) (3/13) reports the San Diego Police Department is creating a new division that "will focus on helping homeless people get services and mental health treatment while also cracking down on those disrupting the quality of life of residents and businesses in certain neighborhoods." Capt. Scott Wahl, who will run the unit, "said the division will focus on neighborhood quality-of-life issues including graffiti, crime and homelessness." He added, "It's about being proactive on crime-prevention techniques and strategies. ... We're going to have teams that will be proactive in addressing community concerns and issues."

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



[Columbia \(SC\) State](#) [f](#) [t](#) (3/13) reports the South Carolina state Senate will "debate a proposal to toughen the penalty for threatening a school or student." The proposed legislation "would stiffen the penalties for anyone who threatens to harm or cause damage, injury or death to a student or at a school with a 'firearm or dangerous weapon.'"





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

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



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

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

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

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



### Ontario Police To Conduct Distracted Driving Operation.

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

## COMMUNITY

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

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

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## CRIME & DRUGS

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

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

### More Nations Returning Looted Artifacts.

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

## TECHNOLOGY

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

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

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

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



## IACP IN THE NEWS



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

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

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

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

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

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

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### Officer Safety Tip of the Week

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

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

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### IACP 2018 Call for Presentations Now Open

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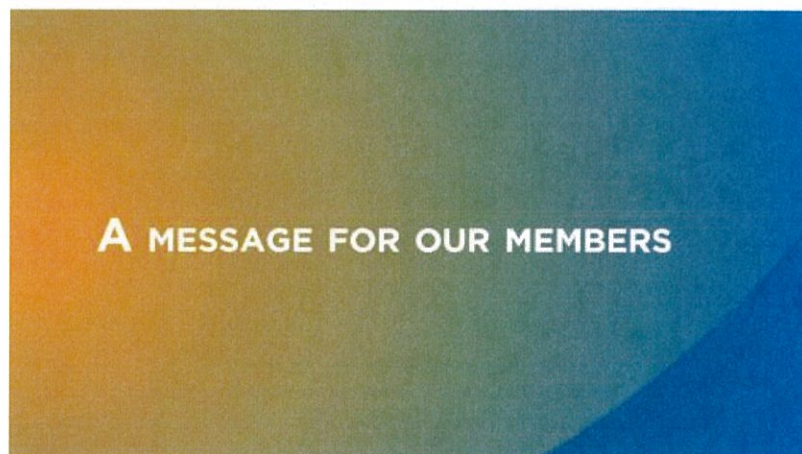
IACP's 40 Under 40 is now accepting nominations for 2018! This award recognizes 40 law enforcement professional under the age of 40 who exemplify leadership skills and commitment to their professions. Nominees can be from anywhere in the world and can serve federal, state, local, or tribal law enforcement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

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## IACP Patch Design Contest

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



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

## Cancer Patient Beaming Again as Police Replace Stolen Tricycle

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

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

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

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

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

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## POLICING & POLICY

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

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

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

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

## COMMUNITY

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

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

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## CRIME & DRUGS

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



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

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



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

## TECHNOLOGY



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

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

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











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

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

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

## NATIONAL SECURITY

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

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

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

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

### House Passes DHS Database Consolidation Bill.

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

## WEDNESDAY'S LEAD STORIES

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## POLICING & POLICY



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



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







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

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



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

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

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



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

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

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



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

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

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

## COMMUNITY

### Ferguson Drops Charges Against Fred Watson.

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

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



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

## **TECHNOLOGY**



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

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

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

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

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

## **NATIONAL SECURITY**

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

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

## **IACP IN THE NEWS**

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

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

## **LAW ENFORCEMENT AT WORK**

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

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



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

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

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

## TUESDAY'S LEAD STORIES

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## POLICING & POLICY

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

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

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



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

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

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

## COMMUNITY

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

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

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## OFFICER SAFETY & WELLNESS

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

The [Baltimore Sun](#) [f](#) [t](#) (9/11) reports, “The Baltimore Police Department has hired 144 new officers so far this year — the first time in years that hiring has outpaced the number of officers leaving, Commissioner Kevin Davis said Monday.” Davis is quoted saying, “There’s rumors out there and urban legends out there about no one wants to come to Baltimore, no one wants to be a Baltimore cop. ... That’s all really a bunch of B.S.”

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

The [Chicago Sun-Times](#) [f](#) [t](#) (9/11) reports, “The Chicago Police Department is on pace to spend nearly \$200 million on overtime in 2017 — 40 percent more than last year’s record spending — despite a two-year hiring surge tailor-made to keep pace with attrition and bolster the force by 970 officers.” The Sun-Times calls the overtime surge “troubling” because it “occurred at a time when the police academy was churning out a virtual conveyor belt of classes needed to comply with Mayor Rahm Emanuel’s two-year policing hiring surge.”

## TECHNOLOGY

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

[Digital Trends](#) [f](#) [t](#) (9/11, Dormehl) reports, “Engineers at India’s National Institute of Technology and Institute of Science and the U.K.’s University of Cambridge have developed a facial recognition framework that can identify even people who actively obscure their faces.” Amarjot Singh of the University of Cambridge is quoted saying, “This can be used to identify criminals trying to disguise their appearance to avoid law enforcement. The problem of Disguise Face Identification (DFI) is an extremely challenging and interesting problem that is of great interest to law enforcement — as they can use this technology to identify criminals.”

## LAW ENFORCEMENT AT WORK

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

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

## MONDAY’S LEAD STORIES

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## POLICING & POLICY

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

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

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

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



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

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



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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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



## **COMMUNITY**

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

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



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

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

## CRIME & DRUGS

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

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



## TECHNOLOGY

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### LAPD Seeks Public Opinion On Drone Testing.

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

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

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

## LAW ENFORCEMENT AT WORK

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

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

## WEDNESDAY'S LEAD STORIES

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- **Barcelona Terrorists Originally Planned Strikes At Iconic Cathedral, Other Monuments.**
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## POLICING & POLICY





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

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



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

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

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



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

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



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

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



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

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

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

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



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

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

## **CRIME & DRUGS**

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

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

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

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

## **TECHNOLOGY**

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

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

## LAW ENFORCEMENT AT WORK

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

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

## TUESDAY'S LEAD STORIES

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## NATIONAL SECURITY

### Minnesota Mosque Rocked By Saturday Morning Explosion.

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



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

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

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

## POLICING & POLICY

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

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

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## CRIME & DRUGS

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

[Fox News](#) [!\[\]\(0b5e7e25e8775f7e7e80906ada4f0021\_img.jpg\)](#) [!\[\]\(740312fd467f47b04cab841ab3868d83\_img.jpg\)](#) (8/4) reports on Barrio 18, a Salvadoran gang that rivals MS-13. According to Fox, "both have members covered in head-to-toe tattoos, are well known for their murderous tactics and originated in some of the same Los Angeles neighborhoods." Fox says the two gangs "are bitter rivals whose ongoing feud is responsible for the deaths of thousands across the U.S., Mexico and Central America." Barrio 18 is "believed to operate in around 120 cities in 30 states, but has made its presence most felt in its home state of California." Fox News, adds, "Much of the street crime in Los Angeles County is believed to be related to the gang and federal law enforcement said that while street-level drug dealing is Barrio 18's main income source, the group has been linked to murders, assaults, arson, copyright infringement, extortion, human trafficking, illegal immigration, kidnapping, prostitution, robbery and weapons trafficking."

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

The [Washington Post](#) [!\[\]\(6bb0e4f14c4133b37d2887cb37e67ddd\_img.jpg\)](#) [!\[\]\(5677a36a9444aca55c9ef7a9b7d8dd5c\_img.jpg\)](#) (8/4, McGinley) reports Food and Drug Administration commissioner Scott Gottlieb said Thursday he plans to install approximately "three dozen employees to international mail facilities" operated by the US Postal Service "to help detect and analyze suspicious packages," as part of an increased effort to prevent opioids from entering the country. The article quotes Gottlieb as saying, "Given the scope of the opioid crisis, and the risk posed by these synthetic drugs, it's my belief that we need to devote even more resources and attention to these risks." The FDA also plans to deploy employees "to the FDA's cybercrime and forensic-chemistry units," the Post adds.

## TECHNOLOGY

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


[CNET News](#) [!\[\]\(0fb13ad0bfa3d86868cdd3883e5665b3\_img.jpg\)](#) [!\[\]\(0f2e4c692d3a707bde52a963c276fa9a\_img.jpg\)](#) (8/5, Ng) reports, "Even after a hacker at Defcon showed that smart guns aren't all that smart, advocates for new firearm technology aren't worried." At the Smart Gun Symposium in Washington D.C. on Thursday, supporters of the technology "discussed how upgrading firearms with gun-locking features like fingerprint scanners and radio-frequency identification tags could help protect police and prevent shootings," and "also dismissed concerns that hackers could find ways to trick the features." CNET adds, "Safety and reliability are key issues when it comes to the potential for widespread adoption of high-tech firearms. Nearly 60 percent of police officers told the symposium they'd be interested in using smart guns, once the weapons prove reliable from a security and effectiveness perspective."

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

[The Guardian \(UK\)](#) [!\[\]\(41aea2746216b27a6939d696d8e035da\_img.jpg\)](#) [!\[\]\(990e790e6efb89997a442ee76392bbf4\_img.jpg\)](#) (8/5, Dodd) reports London Metropolitan Police "will use facial recognition software to scan the faces of tens of thousands of revellers at this year's Notting Hill carnival even though civil liberties groups believe such an action would be discriminatory." The agency "has described the planned deployment as a pilot project intended to look for suspected troublemakers to keep those attending safe." Police at the two-day event "will use the facial recognition system and match faces in the crowd against databases of people they suspect will cause trouble, comparing them with images of people previously arrested or under bail conditions to keep away from the event." The Met released a statement that said, "The technology involves the use of overt cameras which scan the faces of those passing by and flag up potential matches against a

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

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

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

## LAW ENFORCEMENT AT WORK

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

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

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## POLICING & POLICY

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

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



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

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

### ICE Apologizes To Santa Barbara County Sheriff.

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



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

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

## CRIME & DRUGS



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

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

four people familiar with the matter.”

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

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






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

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

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## TECHNOLOGY

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

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

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

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

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

## NATIONAL SECURITY


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

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

## LAW ENFORCEMENT AT WORK

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

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

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## POLICING & POLICY

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

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

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



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

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

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

## COMMUNITY

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

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

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## CRIME & DRUGS

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

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

[Fox News](#) [!\[\]\(faf942dc3e59ce8eb64b4ac481eca7e0\_img.jpg\)](#) [!\[\]\(f6b0299e0b5e4340e509b71914970da0\_img.jpg\)](#) (3/29, Carr) reports that Mexican authorities have not been filling in underground tunnels used by Mexican drug cartels on their side of the border, citing how expensive it is on their end to do so, which leaves the tunnels “open underground, allowing the cartels to get back inside.” US Customs and Border Patrol “tunnel rats” team captain Lance Lenoir said, “There’s been a least seven documented incidents where that has actually happened.” Fox says it has been “a major frustration for American authorities who, according to this report, spend millions to discover and then shut tunnels down.”

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

The [Chicago Patch](#) [!\[\]\(d3102649f02e825ddb76dc3de0190154\_img.jpg\)](#) [!\[\]\(55ca3a38dbb940110628e54e3ea7505d\_img.jpg\)](#) (3/29, Antinori) reports from Macomb, Illinois that a suspect was taken into custody Wednesday after the FBI alerted authorities in Illinois’ McDonough County to a threat of a mass shooting. “A suspect authorities believe to be responsible for the threat was taken into custody by the FBI and Macomb police at around 10:40 a.m.,” the Patch says. According to the threat, the shooting was supposed to take place on Wednesday.

## TECHNOLOGY

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

In a piece for the [Washington Post](#) [!\[\]\(b4eeff342f60cc7bcd67d869b4fedca2\_img.jpg\)](#) [!\[\]\(7cbfaf281ed50ce10ba1259f16ecca5e\_img.jpg\)](#) (3/27, Bedoya) Georgetown Law scholar Alvaro Bedoya reports that “no federal law governs face recognition” and “No court decision limits it.” Unlike the National Security Agency’s call-records program, says Bedoya, “law-enforcement face-recognition systems have received a fraction of the NSA’s oversight.” Bedoya suggests that the public should be concerned about the rise of facial recognition given that police could conceivably use the technology to track citizens movements and involvement in protests.

## NATIONAL SECURITY

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

[Yahoo! News](#) [!\[\]\(56549452e01ca28bdf2500ced9653143\_img.jpg\)](#) [!\[\]\(235f8f87c36d896db1ddff2848125c86\_img.jpg\)](#) (3/29, Isikoff) reports that “a group of families of Sept. 11 victims is asking the Justice Department to investigate an ‘unprecedented foreign influence campaign’ by Saudi Arabia – including ‘all-expenses paid’ trips to Washington, D.C., with stays at the new Trump International Hotel for veterans willing to lobby to weaken a new law permitting Saudi officials to be sued for complicity in the 2001 terror attacks.” Attorneys for the families “charge that Saudi operatives ‘duped’ hundreds of veterans into lobbying on the issue – warning them that under the new law they could be subjected to retaliatory lawsuits in foreign countries – without disclosing the effort was being bankrolled by the Saudi government. ‘In service of this dangerous effort to influence Congress into passing legislative text promoted by a foreign power, the Kingdom and its foreign agents have targeted U.S. veterans nationwide’ and ‘deceived them into serving as unwitting advocates for the Saudi government,’ according to a letter sent Wednesday to Attorney General Jeff Sessions by lawyers for the ‘9/11 Families and Survivors United for Justice Against Terrorism,’ a group that represents thousands of 9/11 family victims.”

## LAW ENFORCEMENT AT WORK

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

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

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- [A Law Enforcement Official's Guide to the OJJDP Comprehensive Gang Model \(Document 643564\)](#)
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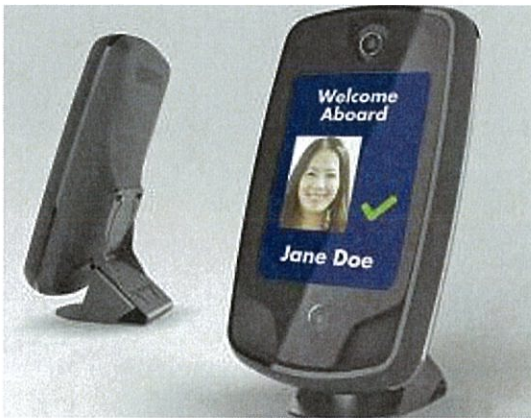
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## POLICING & POLICY

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

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



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

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

## COMMUNITY

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

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



## CRIME & DRUGS

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

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

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







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

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

## OFFICER SAFETY & WELLNESS

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

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

## TECHNOLOGY

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



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

## NATIONAL SECURITY



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### FBI Conducts Training Exercises For Belgian Police.

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

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

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

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

## TUESDAY'S LEAD STORIES

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

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

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

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



### **London Police Chief Discusses Cyberfraud Investigations.**



[The Guardian \(UK\)](#)   (8/27, Collinson) interviews commissioner of the City of London Police Ian Dyson about the strategies and limitations of cyberfraud investigations. Dyson says some of the limitations of investigations are budgets, and foreign jurisdictions that don't provide assistance. Dyson describes his method for stopping cybercriminals as "disruption." He "reckons the best approach for his force is to gain intelligence from the public and other government agencies, and use that to intervene before more victims are conned."



## CRIME & DRUGS

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### **Several States Suffer Heroin Overdose Outbreaks Over Past Week.**

The [AP](#)   (8/26) reported on heroin overdose spikes in Indiana, Kentucky, Ohio and West Virginia in that last few days, which have affected dozens, leaving six dead. The AP said rescue workers have been "rushing from scene to scene to provide overdose antidote drugs" and that the outbreak "reflect[s] the potency of heroin flooding the Midwest." Without the antidote naloxone, the AP said the spikes would be much worse. An estimated 174 individuals suspected of overdosing on heroin have come into emergency rooms this week.

The outbreak has revealed how ill-prepared states are in terms of resources to "treat all of people addicted to opioids," [USA Today](#)   (8/27) reported. The article said police in Ohio have requested public assistance "in identifying the source of heroin sold here that caused scores of overdoses." Newtown, Ohio Police Chief Tom Synan said, "We're working very closely to find the source dealer ... We don't have anything solid to go off of."

The [New York Times](#)   (8/26, Rogers) reported the epidemic is being blamed on a version of heroin mixed with fentanyl, which makes it "100 times as strong as morphine," though officials in Cincinnati have said "that a synthetic drug, carfentanil – 10,000 times as potent as morphine – could be tied to at least 189 overdoses across both states in the past week." Carfentanil, the Times said, is a drug "used to tranquilize large animals like elephants." Ohio and Indiana officials have said that more doses of Narcan, or naloxone, are needed to help overdoses patients survive.

### **Spanish Police Break Up Illegal Immigration Ring.**

The [AP](#)   (8/27) reports Spanish Police arrested 57 people and "dismantled an illegal immigration ring giving Chinese citizens Spanish residency permits through fake job contracts as domestic staff." Police "said...the arrests took place in Barcelona, Valencia, San Sebastian and Las Palmas, one of the Canary Islands."

## OFFICER SAFETY & WELLNESS





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### **Officer Saved After Police Badge Deflects Bullet.**

The [Los Angeles Times](#)   (8/26, Branson-Potts) reported an officer was saved after a bullet deflected off of his badge in a shootout with a man in Huntington Beach, California. Officers responded to a domestic violence call and began following a man

in a vehicle leaving from the residence. After a short pursuit, the man drove towards officers and starting firing at them. Huntington Beach Police Department spokeswoman Officer Jennifer Marlatt says one of the bullets “ricocheted off the police badge worn by one of the officers, who was treated at a hospital and released Friday morning.” The suspect kept driving through several counties before driving off of a freeway and perishing in a vehicle fire.



### **PKK Claims Responsibility For Attack On Turkish Police Headquarters.**

The [AP](#)   (8/26, Press) reports at least 11 police officers died and 78 were wounded in a Friday suicide truck bombing on police headquarters near the southeastern Turkish town of Cizre, a predominately Kurdish Sirnak province on the Syrian-Turkish border. [AFP](#)   (8/26) reports the outlawed Kurdistan Workers’ Party, or PKK, claimed responsibility for the assault. The PKK claimed it conducted the attack to retaliate against the “continued isolation” of imprisoned PKK leader Abdullah Ocalan and a “lack of information” about Ocalan’s welfare.



## **TECHNOLOGY**

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### **Colorado Police Release DNA-Crafted Drawing Of Killer In Unsolved Triple Murder.**

[Reuters](#)   (8/25, Coffman) reported Colorado police working on a cold-case triple murder “released on Thursday a computer-generated image of a suspect based on DNA left behind by the killer at the scene of the crime.” The technique, known as DNA phenotyping, “crafted a rendering of the suspect as he likely would have appeared at about age 25,” and was also used to develop “an age-enhanced image of how he might look today.” Police said several traits such as ancestry, eye color, hair color, face shape, and others can be derived from a DNA sample. Aurora Police Department Detective Steven Conner says, “This is the first time we have had some idea of who we’re looking for.”

### **UK Police To Test Facial Recognition Software At Large Festival.**

The [Daily Mail](#)   (8/27, Boyle) reports UK’s Metropolitan Police plan to test facial recognition software, known as Face Examiner, that “automatically scans faces in the crowd of up to one million people” in real-time at the Notting Hill Carnival. The scanned images will be “compared against a database of custody and arrest photographs as well as a list of people banned from attending the event.” A police spokesman says, “If a match is made by the system, officers will be alerted and will seek to speak with the individual to verify their identity, making an arrest if necessary.”



## **ALSO IN THE NEWS**

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### **California Governor Signs Bill Banning Cellphone Cases That Look Like Guns.**

The [Los Angeles Times](#)   (8/26, McGreevy) reports a bill signed by California Gov. Jerry Brown will outlaw “Cellphone cases made to look like guns.” Assemblyman Jim Cooper introduced the bill to address “concerns by law enforcement officials that the phone cases might be mistaken by police officers for a real firearm and lead to a violent confrontation.” Accordingly, the bill makes it a misdemeanor to “import, manufacture or sell smartphone cases that look like guns starting Jan. 1.”

### **Ohio Judge Upholds Registry For Gun Offenders.**

The [AP](#)   (8/25) reported a judge in Ohio upheld a law that requires “Cleveland residents newly convicted of gun offenses to register with the police department.” The law requires resident charged with gun offenses to “register within five days of being convicted or released from prison.”

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- [Sacramento \(CA\) Introduces New Anti-Gang Effort.](#)
- [CDC: Illicit Manufacture, Not Prescriptions, Fueling Opioid Crisis.](#)
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### Justice Department Launches Implicit Bias Training.



The [Washington Post](#)   (6/28, Yoder) reports that the Justice Department has “said it will train its law enforcement agents and prosecutors to recognize and address how their own implicit bias affects their workplace decisions.” Deputy Attorney General Sally Q. Yates said in a memo to employees that “the training will involve some 23,000 agents in the department’s four major law enforcement branches plus 5,800 lawyers in the 94 U.S. Attorney’s offices.” She said that implicit bias “presents unique challenges to effective law enforcement, because it can alter where investigators and prosecutors look for evidence and how they analyze it without their awareness or ability to compensate.” The [Federal Times](#)   (6/28, Cordell) reports that Attorney General Loretta Lynch said, “Today’s announcement is an important step in our ongoing efforts to promote fairness, eliminate bias and build the stronger, safer, more just society that all Americans deserve.”

### Ninth Circuit Hears Arguments In Warrantless NSA Spying Case.

[Reuters](#)   (7/6, Volz) reports that the Ninth Circuit was scheduled Wednesday to hear a constitutional challenge “to a warrantless government surveillance program brought by” Mohamed Osman Mohamud, “an Oregon man found guilty of attempting to detonate a bomb in 2010 during a Christmas tree-lighting ceremony.” Reuters explains that the case “is the first of its kind to consider whether a criminal defendant’s constitutional privacy rights are violated under a National Security Agency program that allows spying on Americans’ international phone calls and internet communications.”

## CRIME & DRUGS

### House, Senate Negotiators Finalize Deal For Opioid Bill, But Partisan Differences Could Derail It.

The [Washington Post](#)   (7/6, Demirjian) reports that on Wednesday, House and Senate negotiators “finalized a deal to combat heroin and prescription drug abuse, but the bill’s chances of clearing Congress could be complicated by Democrats who argue it does not include enough funding.” The measure enjoys bipartisan support, yet Democrats have been pushing “for the additional funding, arguing that without it, the bill will not deliver on its promise to help stem the growing abuse of opioids across the country.” According to Sen. Patty Murray (D-WA), the bill “should include the funding necessary to actually fight that epidemic.”



### Call for Case Examples





The IACP continues to track hot button issues facing our membership. One such issue is the continued threat that smartphone encryption poses to law enforcement when investigating crimes and keeping the public safe. As part of that effort, it is important that our members continue to provide examples in which smartphone encryption has impeded aspects of an investigation or prevented the identification of potential suspects resulting in an unsolved case. Please send anecdotal stories or specific case examples

where encryption has impacted an investigation to Sarah Guy at [guy@theiacp.org](mailto:guy@theiacp.org).

## TECHNOLOGY

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### Fairfax County, Virginia To Upgrade 911 System.

[WTOP-FM](#)   Washington (7/6, King) reports that Fairfax County, Virginia will upgrade to accommodate Next Generation 911 by or before early 2017, according to Fairfax County 911 Director Steve Souder. He said, "The transmittal of the videos and the still photographs are one of the key features of the next generation of 911." According to the International Association of Chiefs of Police, "NG911" will "also allow law enforcement and the public to better communicate using text messages."



### Slate: House Report Mischaracterizes Terrorist Use Of Encryption.

[Slate](#)   (7/6, Wheeler) says a report the House Homeland Security Committee put out in late June on encryption "reminds policymakers that the encryption debate goes well beyond whether the FBI can break into iPhones: It affects whether we can bank, obtain health advice, or shop online." However, Slate says that the report "makes unsubstantiated, factually incorrect claims about terrorists' use of encryption: 'Public engagement on encryption issues surged following the 2015 terrorist attacks in Paris and San Bernardino,' the report claims, 'particularly when it became clear that the attackers used encrypted communications to evade detection – a phenomenon known as 'going dark.''" Slate says "the statement has grains of truth to it" but "fails to recognize the degree to which encryption is about criminal enforcement, not hunting terrorists, something" FBI Director James "Comey himself has admitted in congressional testimony."

### Android Update Designed To Curb Ransomware Infections.

The [Washington Times](#)   (7/6, Blake) reports that the next release of Android, code-named Nougat, "will reportedly make it more difficult for hackers to compromise mobile devices with ransomware, potentially resolving cybersecurity concerns raised by recent explosion of infections suffered by smart phones." According to a blog post written Tuesday by Dinesh Venkatesan, a principal threat analysis engineer at security firm Symantec, "the new OS will implement a feature intended to keep hackers from locking Android users out of their devices with ransomware." The Times points out that "ransomware infections caused more than \$1.6 million in damages last year, per the FBI's own account, and a report published last month by Kaspersky Labs revealed that the number Android users attacked with ransomware went up nearly 300 percent between 2014 and 2015."



### Research Questions Accuracy Of Facial Recognition Systems.

The [MIT Technology Review](#)   (7/6) reports that "law enforcement agencies haven't provided many details on how they use facial recognition systems, but in June the Government Accountability Office issued a report saying that the FBI has not properly tested the accuracy of its face matching system, nor that of the massive network of state-level face matching databases it can access." The Review also points out that "images taken under less-than-ideal circumstances, like bad lighting, or that capture unusual poses and facial expressions, can lead to errors." Anil Jain, head of the biometrics research group at Michigan State University, "and several colleagues used a set of mugshots from the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office in Florida to examine the performance of several commercially available face recognition systems" and found they "were consistently less accurate on women, African-Americans, and younger people."

## NATIONAL SECURITY

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### Ninth Circuit Orders Release Of Detained Immigrant Children, But Not Parents.

The [Washington Times](#)   (7/6, Dinan) reports that the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals has ruled that "agents can detain illegal immigrant parents who try to break into the U.S. with their children." The Times adds that the ruling, while "delivering a victory to one of the Obama administration's remaining get-tough immigration policies," also means that "the children themselves must be quickly released from custody and sent to live with relatives or other sponsors – a blow to the administration's argument." The court "said a 1997 agreement on government treatment of unaccompanied children caught at the border should also apply to children who are traveling as a family, with a parent."

## LAW ENFORCEMENT AT WORK

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## Police Officers Use Military Training To Save Shooting Victim.

The [Chicago Tribune](#)   (7/6, Moreno) reports that “Chicago police officers Alejandro Cabral and Juan Zuniga of the Fourth District responded about 7:30 a.m. to a report of a person shot and spotted a man hunched over near a fence in the 8400 block of South Mackinaw Avenue.” The Tribune says that when they approached the man it was apparent that he was bleeding and “Cabral, an Army veteran, began applying pressure to the man’s chest wound.” The paper says that “when that failed, he asked Zuniga, who was a Navy veteran, to grab a QuikClot Combat Gauze from the first aid kit in his vest and used it to control the bleeding until paramedics arrived.” Cabral and Zuniga were familiar with the combat bandage from the experience in the military and that “Cabral used a portion of his department allowance to buy the bandages himself, and said every officer should be required to have them.”

The [Chicago Sun-Times](#)   (7/6, Dudek) has a similar report.

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## POLICING & POLICY



### House Passes Bill Aimed At Training First Responders To Improve Cybersecurity.

[FierceGovernmentIT](#)   (5/18, Bird) reports the House passed the National Cybersecurity Preparedness Consortium Act of 2016 on Monday, which would “create a national group to help states and first responders improve cybersecurity.”

FierceGovernmentIT says the bill would allow the national group to coordinate with DHS “to help states and communities share information” dealing with “cybersecurity risk, incident prevention and response into emergency plans.” FierceGovernmentIT adds that the “bill now moves to the Senate.”

## COMMUNITY

### Tampa Officials Upset Over Walmart’s Use Of Law Enforcement.

The [Tampa Bay \(FL\) Times](#)   (5/18, Morel, Sampson) reports local officials have reacted to a recent Times investigation of Walmart’s reliance on local law enforcement. At a meeting Wednesday, Hillsborough County Commissioner Victor Crist said, “I believe that there’s an issue here of an extraordinary expense being passed on to the taxpayer for what might be a responsibility of the business owner,” and he added that has instructed the county attorney’s office to work with the Sheriff’s Office and county administrator to force businesses to pay for excessive calls to law enforcement. The Times says the city council and Walmart officials will discuss ways to “decrease calls to police, including hiring more security or off-duty officers.”


## FROM IACP



This week, the IACP launched the [Institute for Community-Police Relations](#). The Institute's mission is to advance a universal culture of cohesion and trust between police and the communities they serve. To achieve this mission, the Institute will provide law enforcement agencies with the tools, resources, and guidance to help build community trust and engagement, foster transparency and accountability, and safeguard officer well-being, while reducing crime and increasing public safety.

## CRIME & DRUGS

### NYTimes Analysis: Congress Moves On Opioid Addiction, But Not Its Source.


The [New York Times](#)   (5/18, Harris, Huetteman) reports Congress and President Obama for now appear “ready to allow opioid prescriptions to remain widely accessible...and instead focus on the treatment of addiction, not its source.” While Congress passed bills this spring to strengthen drug monitoring and treatment and abuse-prevention programs, “more quietly,” a different measure was enacted last month that “curtailed” DEA powers “to pursue pharmacies and wholesalers that the agency believes have contributed to the epidemic.”

## TECHNOLOGY

### FAA Conducts Trial Of FBI Anti-Drone Technology.

[Popular Science](#)   (5/18) reports that earlier this month, the FAA conducted tests to study the effectiveness of an FBI drone detection system at New York's JFK airport. "Five different rotorcraft and fixed wing UAS participated in the evaluations, and about 40 separate tests took place," the FAA said in a press release. According to Popular Science, the FAA has not released the results of the tests "because the tests were about finding security flaws" and "it's unlikely the agencies involved want to publicize any weaknesses they found." DHS, DOJ and several local agencies also took part in the operation.

### **Developers Say Russian Facial Recognition App Is 70 Percent Accurate.**

The [Washington Post](#)   (5/18, Guarino) reports the Russian developers behind the facial recognition app "FindFace" claim the app can "identify a random passerby with about 70 percent accuracy" if a photo of the individual is taken and the individual has a social media profile. The Post adds that the developers "say their facial recognition software could be used by authorities to fight crime." Developer Alexander Kabakov claims "Russian police officers have used FindFace to solve crimes, for which there were photographs or closed-circuit footage," according to the Post.

## **NATIONAL SECURITY**

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### **White House Defends Immigration Raids.**

Amid "a sustained outcry from advocacy groups," the White House on Wednesday defended a new round of immigration raids, saying they "should discourage families in Central America from sending their children to the US illegally," the [Washington Times](#)   (5/18, Boyer) reports. Press Secretary Josh Earnest told reporters, "This should send a pretty clear signal to everyone, particularly individuals who are considering having their children smuggled into the country, that that's a really bad idea."

## **ALSO IN THE NEWS**

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### **Columbus Letter Returned To Italy Following Joint American-Italian Police Investigation.**

The [Washington Post](#)   (5/18, Tharoor) reports, "A stolen copy of a rare 15th-century letter written by Christopher Columbus was repatriated to Italy this week and unveiled in a ceremony in Rome that was attended by U.S. Ambassador John Phillips and Italian Culture Minister Enrico Franceschini." In 2012, Italy's Carabinieri realized a copy in a Florence library was a forgery, and "a subsequent American-Italian investigation led to the genuine document's handover this week."

## **LAW ENFORCEMENT AT WORK**

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### **Video Of Officer Helping Child With Autism Goes Viral.**

The [Atlanta Journal-Constitution](#)   (5/18) reports a Facebook video of Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department Officer Tim Purdy "helping a young autistic high school student who had left campus" has gone viral. Officer Purdy, in interviews, "shined a light on the positive work of his brothers and sisters in blue" and "said they often respond to help people with mental health issues." The Journal-Constitution says the video has "led to an outpouring of positive support online about Purdy's work and all police."

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