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NEWLY LISTED EVENTS

Nothing to report.

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COLOR OF THE DAY

Orange

AIR QUALITY INDEX As of 6am (AQI)

Value of Index = 47

OZONE = 23

Daily AQI Color = Yellow

Reference: AirNow.gov

NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE

Chance Showers and Patchy Fog with a high of 60°F.

SIGNIFICANT NEWS EVENTS

Director Patel Says Epstein Estate Refuses to Share Key Records With the FBI

Newsweek (11/25, Gooding, Whisnant) reported that Director Patel said this week in an interview with journalist Catherine Herridge that Jeffrey Epstein's estate is refusing to share key records sought by investigators. He said the government and the estate hold "separate boxes" of information, limiting what the FBI can access as it reviews a new referral in the case. Director Patel noted that federal officials have repeatedly requested materials from the estate without success. He said the FBI will evaluate whatever evidence it can obtain as the inquiry moves forward. "Based on the new referral, we'll take a look at that and see what evidence comes, but there's an important distinction. The information that the government possesses versus the information that the Epstein estate possesses, those are two separate boxes of information and the Epstein estate has not been willing to share information with the U.S. government...and so even though we've requested them to do so," Director Patel stated. Bloomberg (11/25, Leopold) reported that the FBI has released dozens of emails related to the review and redaction of Jeffrey Epstein files, which were obtained through a FOIA request by Jason Leopold. The emails reveal that FBI personnel underwent special training for the "Epstein Transparency Project" and worked extensive hours, including nights and weekends, with the FBI paying \$851,344 in overtime between March 17 and March 22. The article noted that the FBI reviewed and redacted a large volume of documents and videos, including "search warrant execution photos", "street surveillance video", and "aerial footage from FBI search warrant execution", with over 161 pages withheld due to ongoing law enforcement proceedings and other FOIA exemptions. Additional reporting on the story was provided by ABC News (11/25, Barr), Raw Story (11/25, Charky-Chami) (2), and Telegraph (11/25, Coen).

Drug Arrests and Gun Seizures Fell as Homeland Security Pursued Immigration

The New York Times (11/25, Aleaziz, Nehamas, et al.) reported that narcotics arrests by Homeland Security special agents fell by 11% and weapon seizures dropped by 73% due to a shift in priorities to focus on immigration enforcement. According to the article, the shift in priorities has hindered investigations into major crimes, including child exploitation and terrorism financing, with a 28% drop in indictments for child exploitation crimes and a 17% drop in the number of child victims identified or rescued. The article highlighted that the FBI also devoted resources to the immigration crackdown. In a statement to The Independent (11/25, Woodward), Homeland Security assistant secretary Tricia McLaughlin accused The New York Times of "peddling a false narrative" about HSI's report and touted an increase in arrests for human smuggling and the seizure of more than 2.5 million pounds of narcotics. "The facts are child exploitation, human trafficking, terrorism, financial scams, and smuggling all have a nexus to illegal immigration," she said. "Nearly every day, DHS law enforcement — including HSI — are arresting pedophiles,

known or suspected terrorists, kidnappers, child smugglers, and sex traffickers, including those who entered our country illegally," she added. The article added that up to 45 percent of FBI agents working in counterterrorism, cyber, espionage and child exploitation cases were moved to immigration enforcement, according to data collected by the office of Democratic Senator Mark Warner. The article noted that critics have warned that the administration's government-wide response to immigration — combined with the mass purge of FBI agents and leadership — has left the nation in a vulnerable position and sharply reduced federal law enforcement's capacity to combat crime.

New York Man Sentenced to Fifteen Years for Sex Trafficking

Hoodline New York City (11/25, Carlisle) reported that Justin Dixon, a Staten Island man, was sentenced to 15 years in prison for sex trafficking and illegal firearm possession. According to the article, Dixon pled guilty to coercing and enticing a minor as young as 14 into prostitution, using violence and intimidation to control his victims. The article noted that the NYPD, along with the FBI, played critical roles in the successful prosecution; their collaborative efforts to address sex trafficking were reaffirmed by the substantial prison term handed to Dixon. "Justin Dixon forced multiple women, including a 14-year-old minor, to engage in sexual acts for his own financial gain, wielding threats of violence to maintain control," stated FBI Assistant Director in Charge Raia in the press release. "Dixon repeatedly violated his victims' autonomy through degrading and manipulative grooming techniques designed to entrap them into his servitude. May today's sentencing emphasize the FBI's commitment to continued collaboration with our law enforcement partners to hold accountable any sexual predator who targets and uses others for personal financial enrichment." Additional reporting was provided by the New York Daily News (11/25, Annese).

New York Woman Faces Federal Child Pornography Charge

WWNY (CBS-7) (11/25, Rutherford) reported that Paige Kincheloe, a Watertown woman, faces a federal child pornography charge for allegedly receiving videos of child abuse. According to the article, FBI agents allege that Kincheloe exchanged multiple videos with a Colorado man on the messaging app Telegram in 2024. His user name was bighead789. "Bighead and Kincheloe continued to talk about having sex with children known to them, including raping the children, and both discussed how sexually arousing that would be," the complaint states. The complaint says she voluntarily spoke with FBI agents about her online activity. The article noted that the FBI was able to trace the bighead and Kincheloe. According to the complaint, bighead was arrested at his home in Castle Rock, Colorado.

FBI Probes Congressional Democrats Who Warned Military About Illegal Orders

Reuters (11/25, Winter, Ax) reported that the FBI has requested interviews with six Democratic lawmakers who warned members of the military that they can legally refuse to carry out unlawful orders. According to the article, the lawmakers, including Senator Mark Kelly and Representatives Jason Crow, Maggie Goodlander, Chris Deluzio, Chrissy Houlahan, and Senator Elissa Slotkin, claim the FBI move is an attempt by the Trump administration to silence them. The article explained that the probe comes after the lawmakers released a video stating that military personnel can refuse to follow illegal orders, which President Donald Trump and Secretary of Defense Pete Hegseth have described as "seditious" acts. "The President directing the FBI to target us is exactly why we made this video in the first place," U.S. Senator Slotkin of Michigan, a former CIA officer, said on X. "This is not the America I know, and I'm not going to let this next step from the FBI stop me from speaking up for my country, and our Constitution." The Associated Press (11/25, Cappelletti, Householder) added that the FBI declined to comment Tuesday, but Director Patel, in an interview with journalist Catherine Herridge, described it as an "ongoing matter" in explaining why he could not discuss details. Asked for his reaction to the video, Director Patel said, "What goes through my head is the same thing that goes through my head in any case: is there a lawful predicate to open up an inquiry and investigation, or is there not? And that decision will be made by the career agents and analysts here at the FBI." Additional reporting on the story was provided by ABC News (11/25, Barr, Siegel, Murray), Al Jazeera (11/25, Rasheed), Axios (11/25, Solender), BBC (11/25, Saad), Bloomberg (11/25, Reilly, Birnbaum), CBS News (11/25, Yilek, Maguire), CNBC (11/25, Mangan), CNN (11/25, Lybrand, Holmes, Rimmer), Courthouse News (11/25, Weiss), Daily Signal (11/25, Winter, Ax), Detroit News (11/25, Pignolet, Burke), Fox News (11/25, Spunt, Gibson, Sorace), The Hill (11/25, Beitsch), NBC News (11/25, Reilly, Thorp V, et al.), Newsmax (11/25, Katz), NewsNation (11/25, Khalil, Noone), New York Post (11/25, King), New York Times (11/25, Jaffe), Newsweek (11/25, Silverman, Gooding), Politico (11/25, Wu), TMZ (11/25, Staff Writer), USA Today (11/25, Garrison), Wall Street Journal (11/25, Lukpat, Avila), Washington Post (11/25, Robertson), and Washington Times (11/25, Howell Jr.).

White House Denies Report of Trump Considering Removing FBI Director

USA TODAY (11/25, Anderson) reported that the White House has denied a report that President Trump is considering removing Director Patel. According to the article, the denial came after a report from MS NOW (11/25, Leonnig, Barron-Lopez, Dilanian) cited unnamed sources saying Trump and his team were concerned about Director Patel amid scrutiny of his use of Bureau resources. The article highlighted that Trump himself stated "No" when asked if he's considering replacing Director Patel, and White House Press Secretary Karoline Leavitt posted a photo of Trump and Director Patel together to show support. Additional reporting on the story was provided by Bloomberg Law (11/25, Sullivan), Daily Mail (11/25, Staff Writer), The Independent (11/25, Rascius), The National Desk (11/25, Hazard), Newsweek (11/25, Gooding, Whisnant), Raw Story (11/25, Charky-Chami), and Reuters (11/25, Staff Writer).

TRAFFIC ALERT

Nothing to report.

26 Federal Plaza 23rd Floor Gym Closure Schedule:

Facilities will close the 23rd floor Gym every Tuesday evening from 3 pm-12 am for cleaning. Lockers are *daily use only* and locker contents will be cleaned out the *first* Tuesday of every month. All personal items will be discarded. Please direct any questions to Facilities at extension x3900.

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