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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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### NEWLY LISTED EVENTS

Nothing to report.

### ICE ERO OPERATIONS

Daily Teams Channel for ICE Operations: [08.19.2025 ICE ERO Operations | M365-NY-OPERATIONS | Microsoft Teams](#)

*Effective September 1, 2025, all New York Operations Orders will be completed in the FD-888. Microsoft will no longer support InfoPath as the software has reached its end of life. FBINET SharePoint Ops Orders will no longer be supported, all Op Plans will be submitted in the FD-888 for approval.*

Agents should utilize FACT for FD-888 processing: <https://fact.fbi.gov/Home.aspx>

All approved FD-888's must be submitted to the NYOC: [ny\\_opscenter@fbi.gov](mailto:ny_opscenter@fbi.gov)

### COLOR OF THE DAY

Yellow

### AIR QUALITY INDEX As of 7am (AQI)

Value of Index = 26

OZONE = 24

Daily AQI Color = Green

Reference: AirNow.gov

### NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE

Overcast then Mostly Sunny, with a high of 72.

### SIGNIFICANT NEWS EVENTS

#### **FBI Issues Warning to All Smartphone Users — This Dangerous New Scam Could Be at Your Door**

[Tom's Guide](#) (08/18, Stanley) reported that the FBI has issued a warning about a new "brushing" scam where hackers send unsolicited packages with a QR code to steal personal and financial information. According to the article, the QR code prompts the recipient to provide sensitive information or download malicious software that steals data from their phone. To avoid falling for this scam, the FBI advises users to beware of unsolicited packages, not scan QR codes from unknown origins, and take precautions before authorizing phone permissions and access to websites and applications.

#### **U.S. Seizes \$2.8 Million From Zeppelin Ransomware Operator**

[Security Week](#) (08/18, Arghire) reported that the DOJ has charged Ianis Aleksandrovich Antropenko, a Zeppelin ransomware operator, with computer fraud and money laundering conspiracy. According to the article, the DOJ has seized over \$2.8 million in cryptocurrency from Antropenko's wallet, believed to be proceeds from his ransomware activities. Antropenko allegedly deployed Zeppelin ransomware against businesses and individuals worldwide, encrypting and exfiltrating data for extortion, and laundered the proceeds through various means. The article highlighted that in 2022, CISA and the FBI warned that Zeppelin was exploiting RDP connections and vulnerabilities in SonicWall firewalls for initial access, and that its operators would sometimes execute the ransomware multiple times within the same network. [Tech Radar](#) (08/18, Jennings-Trace) also reported on the story.

#### **Justice Department To Begin Giving Congress Files From Jeffrey Epstein Investigation, Lawmaker Says**

The [Associated Press](#) (08/18, Tucker) reported that the Justice Department will provide Congress with documents from the Jeffrey Epstein sex trafficking investigation, starting Friday, to be given to the House Oversight Committee. According to the article, the documents are in response to a broad subpoena issued by the committee, which sought records from the case files of Epstein and his former girlfriend, Ghislaine Maxwell. The article noted that the move is seen as a step towards transparency, with Kentucky Rep. James Comer, the committee chair, appreciating the Trump Administration's commitment to providing information about the matter. The article highlighted that it was not clear exactly which or how many documents might be produced or whether the cooperation with Congress reflected a broader change in posture since last month, when the FBI and Justice Department abruptly announced that they would not be releasing any additional records from the Epstein investigation after determining that no "further disclosure would be appropriate or warranted." Additional reporting on the story was provided by [Washington Examiner](#) (08/18, Deese) (2) (3), [New York Post](#) (08/18, Christenson), [UPI](#) (08/18, Walsh), [USA Today](#) (08/18, Meyer), [Axios](#) (08/18,

Santaliz), [Fox News](#) (08/18, Elkind) (2) (Miller), [ABC News](#) (08/18, Parkinson), [CNN](#) (08/18, Barrett), [Washington Post](#) (08/18, Roebuck), [Telegraph](#) (08/18, Smith), [Spectrum News](#) (08/18, Carpenter), and [Politico](#) (08/18, Fuchs).

### **Trump Uses DOJ to Escalate His Long-Standing Feud With Adam Schiff**

[CNN](#) (08/18, Herb) reported that President Trump is using the FBI and Justice Department to escalate his long-standing feud with Senator Adam Schiff, with Director Patel declassifying and releasing internal FBI interview notes from a former House Intelligence Committee staffer who accused Schiff of directing illegal leaks of classified information. "We found it. We declassified it. Now Congress can see how classified info was leaked to shape political narratives — and decide if our institutions were weaponized against the American people," Director Patel wrote on X. According to the article, the allegations against Schiff have already been investigated by federal prosecutors in Trump's first term, who questioned the staffer's credibility, but Trump is now calling on AG Bondi to investigate the California Democrat. The article noted that Schiff's lawyer has denied the allegations, calling them "transparently false, stale, and long debunked," and Schiff is preparing for a legal fight, having hired former U.S. Attorney Preet Bharara as his personal attorney. Additionally, [NBC News](#) (08/18, Rohde) and [The Independent](#) (08/18, Kilander) reported that Mike Davis, a Republican lawyer, has been pushing for federal criminal investigations of Hillary Clinton, Barack Obama, Joe Biden, and other senior officials. According to the articles, AG Bondi has approved investigations, including a grand jury investigation into whether Obama administration officials committed federal crimes during the 2016 election. Davis believes these investigations could lead to severe consequences for Democrats, but former Justice Department and FBI officials have dismissed the allegations as "absurd" and "insane". [MSNBC](#) (08/18, Jones) also reported on the story.

### **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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