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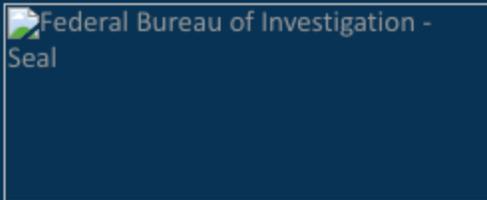
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IN THE NEWS

Three Chinese National Scholars Charged for Conspiring to Smuggle Biological Materials Into the U.S.

[CBS News](#) (11/05, Wethington) reported that the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan has filed a criminal complaint against three Chinese nationals, Xu Bai, Fengfan Zhang, and Zhiyong Zhang, in connection with an investigation into the smuggling of biological materials into the United States, specifically intended to be shipped to Michigan. The investigation is related to a previous case against Chinese national Chengxuan Han, who was arrested in June at Detroit Metro Airport and sentenced in September to time served after pleading no contest to three smuggling charges and making false statements to Customs and Border Patrol. The University of Michigan conducted an internal investigation and terminated the three men's employment after they refused to participate, and subsequently revoked their Student and Exchange Visitor Information System records, making them eligible for removal from the United States. The three men attempted to flee the country, booking flights back to China, but were met by Customs and Border Patrol officials at JFK International Airport in New York and placed in the custody of the Enforcement and Removal Operations division of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement. [Fox News](#) (11/05, Chu) reported that Jennifer Runyan, special agent in charge of the FBI Detroit Field Office, echoed that the agencies are "committed to protect the American people." "The FBI will not tolerate any attempt to exploit our nation's institutions, whether higher learning or otherwise, for unlawful purposes," she added. The [press release](#) quoted Director Patel: "These charges show the FBI and our partners will aggressively investigate and hold accountable those who violate our laws, and that academic research cannot excuse illegal activity. The Chinese nationals charged today allegedly were involved in smuggling biological materials into the U.S. on several occasions. The FBI and our partners are committed to defending the homeland and stopping any illegal smuggling into our country." The release also quoted AG Bondi: "Allegedly attempting to smuggle biological materials under the guise of 'research' is a serious crime that threatens America's national and agricultural security. We will remain vigilant to threats like these from foreign nationals who would take advantage of America's generosity to advance a malicious agenda." Additional reporting on the story was provided by [Law360](#) (11/05, Berg), [MLive](#) (11/05, Pair), [Newsmax](#) (11/05, Mishler), and [The Detroit News](#) (11/05, Snell).

FBI Names Third Man Accused of Planning Halloween Terror Attack in Michigan

The [Wall Street Journal](#) (11/05, Morphet, Fanelli, Lukpat) reported that two men, Milo Sedarat and Tomas Kaan Jimenez-Guzel, have been charged in New Jersey for their alleged involvement in an ISIS terrorist plot against LGBTQ bars on Halloween. According to the article, the plot was part of a larger investigation that also led to the arrest of suspects in Washington state and the U.K., with all suspects being part of a Signal chat discussing support for ISIS. The article noted that the alleged plot, referred to as "pumpkin," was uncovered after authorities arrested three U.S. citizens in Michigan, who were planning to carry out a terrorist attack on behalf of ISIS. The article

highlighted that when federal agents raided the men's homes, they found a cache of weapons including rifles, shotguns, 1,600 rounds of ammunition and flash suppressors, the FBI said. The FBI said the men wanted to mimic the 2015 Paris terrorist attacks that killed 130 people across the city in a single night. [MLive](#) (11/05, Shalhout) quoted Jennifer Runyan, Special Agent in Charge of the FBI Detroit Field Office: "FBI Detroit and its Joint Terrorism Task Force will continue to investigate, arrest, and disrupt all attempts or plots to do harm to our residents or to anyone within the United States. Nothing will stop us from working with our law enforcement partners, including the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Michigan, to accomplish our mission of defending the homeland and upholding the constitution." Additional reporting on the story was provided by [ABC News](#) (11/05, Katersky), [Associated Press](#) (11/05, Volmert), [CBS News](#) (11/05, Booth-Singleton), [CNN](#) (11/05, Morales), [Daily Mail](#) (11/05, Potter), [Detroit News](#) (11/05, Snell), [Fox News](#) (11/05, Ruiz), [Detroit Free Press](#) (11/05, Baldas), [Independent](#) (11/05, Keane), [NBC News](#) (11/05, Dienst), [New York Post](#) (11/05, Reyes), and [The Epoch Times](#) (11/05, Sun).

UPS Cargo Plane Engine Fell off Before Fiery Kentucky Crash That Killed 12; FBI Investigating

[Fox News](#) (11/05, Koch) reported that a UPS cargo plane crashed at Louisville Muhammad Ali International Airport in Kentucky, resulting in 12 deaths, including the 3 crew members on board. According to the article, the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) confirmed that the left engine of the plane fell off during takeoff, and the FBI is assisting with the investigation. The article noted that the NTSB has recovered the plane's cockpit voice recorder and flight data recorder, which will be analyzed to determine the cause of the crash. Additional reporting on the story was provided by [ABC News](#) (11/05, Deliso), [Associated Press](#) (11/05, Seewer), [BBC](#) (11/05, Staff Writer), [CBS News](#) (11/05, Staff Writer) (2), [CNN](#) (11/05, Gainor), [Devdiscourse](#) (11/05, Staff Writer), [Independent](#) (11/05, Marcus), [Kentucky Lantern](#) (11/05, Ladd), [Kentucky.com](#) (11/05, Leach) (2), [People](#) (11/05, Blair), [Reuters](#) (11/05, Shepardson), [The Guardian](#) (11/05, Milman), [The National Desk](#) (11/05, Frollo), [The New York Times](#) (11/05, Fortin), [USA Today](#) (11/05, Nguyen), [Wall Street Journal](#) (11/05, Fung), [Washington Post](#) (11/05, Aratani), [WDIV \(NBC-4\)](#) (11/05, Powers), [WHAS \(ABC-11\)](#) (11/05, Swinney), [WLKY \(CBS-32\)](#) (11/05, Suckow), and [WLWT \(NBC-5\)](#) (11/05, Sanderson).

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Two Charged in Harvard Medical School Explosion Conspiracy

[Boston Globe](#) (11/05, Stoico) reported that two Massachusetts men, Logan David Patterson and Dominick Frank Cardoza, were charged with conspiracy to damage property by fire or explosive after allegedly setting off a Roman candle firework inside the Harvard Medical School's Goldenson Building early on November 1. According to an affidavit by FBI Special Agent Erin O'Brien, surveillance footage showed the pair entering the restricted construction area, climbing scaffolding, and triggering an explosion on the building's fourth floor before fleeing in opposite directions. The article stated that both men were later arrested at their homes and released after initial court appearances, with each facing up to five years in federal prison if convicted. Director Patel publicly praised law enforcement efforts following the arrests, posting on X, "Great work @FBIBoston and partners — another win for our Joint Terrorism Task Force getting the job done," and adding in a subsequent message, "This FBI will always act decisively to protect the public." The article noted that investigators have not identified any political or ideological motive for the act, and U.S. Attorney Leah Foley said the investigation remains ongoing. Additional reporting on the story was provided by [Cleveland.com](#) (11/05, Remington) and [Inside Higher Ed](#) (11/05, Quinn).

Colorado Police and FBI Arrest Suspect Harold West for 2023 Hoax Bomb Scare at Justice Center

[Hoodline](#) (11/05, Fraser) reported that Harold West was arrested by Larimer County law enforcement and the FBI for a 2023 hoax bomb scare at the Larimer County Justice Center. According to the article, the incident occurred on July 31, 2023, and involved a fake explosive device designed to resemble a bomb, which was safely contained by the Northern Colorado Bomb Squad. The article noted that West is facing multiple charges, including Attempt to Influence a Public Servant, Possession of Hoax Explosives, and Obstructing Government Operations.

Federal Agents Seize Horry County Properties in Multi-Million Dollar Case

[WMBF \(NBC-32\)](#) (11/05, Joe) reported that federal agents have seized properties in Horry County's Carolina Forest as part of a multi-million dollar case. The seizure is related to money laundering by foreign terrorist organizations,

according to the Horry County Sheriff's Office. No arrests have been made, and the FBI considers this an "ongoing matter", with the investigation being led by the FBI and the US Attorney's Office.

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As Vice President During 9/11, Cheney Is at the Center of an Enduring Debate Over US Spy Powers

The [Associated Press](#) (11/05, Tucker, Klepper) reported that Dick Cheney, as Vice President during 9/11, was a key figure in the US government's expansion of surveillance and intelligence collection powers. According to the article, Cheney was a prominent supporter of the Patriot Act and a warrantless wiretapping program, which have been subject to ongoing debates and legal challenges. The article assessed that the legacy of Cheney's national security policies continues to influence US counterterrorism efforts, with ongoing debates over the balance between security and civil liberties, and the use of intelligence as a political tool. The article highlighted that to confront potential terrorists and spies, law enforcement and intelligence agencies have retained key tools, which became broadly known after the attacks and include national security letters that permit the FBI to order companies to turn over information about customers. The article added that Congress in 2020 let expire three provisions of the Patriot Act that the FBI and Justice Department had said were essential for national security. One permitted investigators to surveil subjects without establishing that they were acting on behalf of an international terrorist organization. The article further explained that a recent crack has surfaced between Director Patel's FBI and intelligence agencies overseen by Tulsi Gabbard. The FBI said in a letter to lawmakers that it "vigorously disagrees" with a legislative proposal that it said would remove the bureau as the government's lead counterintelligence agency and replace it with a counterintelligence center under Gabbard's office. "The cumulative effect," the FBI warned in the letter obtained by The Associated Press, "would be putting decision-making with employees who aren't actively involved in CI operations, knowledgeable of the intricacies of CI threats, or positioned to develop coherent and tailored mitigation strategies." That would be to the detriment of national security, the FBI said. Spokespeople for the agencies later issued a statement saying they are working together with Congress to strengthen counterintelligence efforts.

Fiber Laser Expert Convicted by Federal Jury of Economic Espionage and Theft of Trade Secrets

[BNO News](#) (11/05, Robles) reported that Ji Wang, a 63-year-old Chinese man living in New York, has been convicted of economic espionage and theft of trade secrets. According to the article, Wang stole sensitive technology developed under a US defense contract from his employer, Corning Incorporated, and attempted to use it for personal gain with entities tied to the Chinese government. "Mr. Wang stole sensitive technology that Corning, Inc. and DARPA spent millions of dollars developing so he could line his own pockets and help our adversaries undermine U.S. national security," said FBI Assistant Director Roman Rozhavsky. [WHEC \(NBC-10\)](#) (11/05, Staff Writer) also reported on the story.

'Sex Spies' Targeting Tech Industry Leaders, Trying to Steal State Secrets

[The National Desk](#) (11/05, Harris) reported that "sex spies" from China and Russia are targeting tech industry leaders in the US to steal state secrets and technology. These spies use "honeypot tactics", including online approaches and in-person encounters, to compromise their targets and gain access to sensitive information. Notable cases include the targeting of James Mulvenon, a chief intelligence officer, and Rep. Eric Swalwell, who was targeted by a suspected Chinese intelligence operative named Christine Fang. The article highlighted that Swalwell cut off contact with her in 2015 after the FBI alerted him about its concerns, but the incident led to widespread controversy, specifically his position on the House Intelligence Committee. "This is how in depth the Chinese are at spying on America. Of wanting to know, stealing our secrets and the intel committee is different than any other committee. This is where America's secrets are kept. This is where individuals are able to know things other members are not," former House Speaker Kevin McCarthy (R-CA) told Fox News in 2020. [Fox News](#) (11/05, Sabes) also reported on the story.

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Judge in Comey Case Scolds Prosecutors as He Orders Them to Produce Records From Probe

The [Associated Press](#) (11/05, Tucker) reported that a federal judge on Wednesday ordered prosecutors in the criminal case of former FBI Director James Comey to produce to defense lawyers a trove of materials from the investigation, saying he was concerned the DOJ's position had been to "indict first" and investigate second. According to the article, US Magistrate Judge William Fitzpatrick instructed prosecutors to produce by the end of the day on Thursday grand jury materials and other evidence that investigators seized during the investigation. The order followed arguments in which Comey's attorneys said they were at a disadvantage because they had not been able to yet review information that was collected years ago as part of an investigation into FBI media leaks. The article noted that Comey is charged with lying to Congress in 2020 in a case filed days after President Donald Trump appeared to urge his attorney general to prosecute the former FBI director and other perceived political enemies. Comey has pleaded not guilty, and his lawyers have argued that it's a vindictive prosecution brought at the direction of the Republican president and must be dismissed. Fitzpatrick raised his own concerns, telling lawyers on Wednesday, "The procedural posture of this case is highly unusual." The article pointed out that Comey's defense lawyers had already asked for a transcript of grand jury proceedings, citing irregularities in the process and potential legal and factual errors that they said could result in the dismissal of the case. Fitzpatrick on Wednesday ordered prosecutors to produce grand jury materials and also directed them to give defense lawyers evidence seized through search warrants in 2019 and 2020 from Daniel Richman, a Columbia University law professor and close friend of Comey. The article explained that Comey's indictment came days after Trump in a social media post called on AG Bondi to take action against Comey and other longtime foes of the president. The indictment was brought by Lindsey Halligan, a former White House aide and Trump lawyer who was installed as US attorney after the longtime prosecutor who had been overseeing the investigation resigned under administration pressure to indict Comey and New York Attorney General Letitia James. The DOJ in court papers earlier this week defended the president's social media post, contending it reflects "legitimate prosecutorial motive" and is no basis to dismiss the indictment. [CBS News](#) (11/05, Rosen) clarified that evidence at issue Wednesday is troves of data that the DOJ gathered between 2019 and 2020 in a past DOJ investigation during the first Trump administration known as "Arctic Haze." The [New York Times](#) (11/05, Vigdor) revealed that a Florida man was arrested on Wednesday in connection with a series of online threats against several of Trump's most prominent political adversaries, according to a criminal complaint, which said that his targets included Comey, James and Hunter Biden. Two of the posts appeared within a few weeks of the recent indictments of Comey and James. The man, Gregory Formicone, 58, of Bradenton, Fla., could face up to five years in prison if he is found guilty of making the threats, which an FBI special agent said in the criminal complaint had appeared on Disqus, a hosting service for online comments. [NBC News](#) (11/05, Kosnar), [The Washington Post](#) (11/05, Roebuck), [Politico](#) (11/05, Cheney), [ABC News](#) (11/05, Mallin), [The New York Times](#) (11/05, Thrush), [The Hill](#) (11/05, Mancini), [UPI](#) (11/05, Heuer), [The National News Desk](#) (11/05, Hazard), [Courthouse News Service](#) (11/05, Hennessy), [The Independent](#) (11/05, Rohrllich), [Newsweek](#) (11/05, Whisnant), [Law360](#) (11/05, Foretek), [MSNBC](#) (11/05, Rubin), [CNN](#) (11/05, Rabinowitz, Polantz), [The New York Post](#) (11/05, Christenson), [Reason Magazine](#) (11/05, Sullum), [The New Republic](#) (11/05, Olmstead), [Los Angeles Times](#) (11/05, Tucker), [Breitbart](#) (11/05, Jordan), [National Review](#) (11/05, McCarthy), [Tampa Free Press](#) (11/05, Bolden), and [Devdiscourse](#) (11/06, Staff Writer) also reported on the story. [ABC News](#) (11/05, Video) and [WFAA \(ABC-8\)](#) (11/05, Video) provided broadcast coverage on the story. [National Review](#) (11/05, McCarthy) published an opinion piece.

Continued Reporting: Rick Scott Demands Answers From Verizon About Coughing up Phone Records for 'Arctic Frost' Probe

The [Washington Times](#) (11/05, Bell) reported that Sen. Rick Scott is demanding answers from Verizon about the telecom giant's decision to release cellphone data after revelations that the Biden DOJ spied on Republican lawmakers as part of its "Arctic Frost" investigation. According to the article, he said these questions are not only for himself, but on behalf of the millions of Americans "who believe their data is safe with Verizon." The article stated that Scott learned that his data was targeted and that Verizon failed to notify him or make any effort to protect his data from the "Arctic Frost" probe, which targeted President Trump and Republicans after Trump challenged the 2020 election results. In a letter to Verizon on Tuesday, the senator demanded the company explain why it did not file a motion to quash a subpoena for his phone records and what disciplinary measures were taken against those complicit in releasing data. He gave the company a Nov. 17 deadline to respond. The article explained that details of "Arctic Frost," which was approved by former AG Merrick Garland and former FBI Director Christopher A. Wray, were revealed in recently declassified DOJ documents. The broad criminal investigation targeted Trump, Republican lawmakers and Republican groups. [Breitbart](#) (11/05, Mastrangelo) added that Rep.

Brandon Gill (R-TX) filed impeachment articles against US District Judge James Boasberg on Tuesday over his role in the "Arctic Frost" probe. The article detailed that on Tuesday, Rep. Gill formally introduced impeachment articles against Judge Boasberg, who signed off on subpoenas and other measures in former special counsel Jack Smith's investigation, according to a report by Fox News. [Hoodline](#) (11/05, Carter) also reported on the story. [The Hill](#) (11/05, Video) and [CBS News](#) (11/05, Video) provided broadcast coverage regarding "Arctic Frost."

Continued Reporting: FBI Seeks Tips on Missing California Girl Who May Have Traveled Through Arizona

[AZFamily](#) (11/05, Petersheim) reported that federal authorities are asking for the public's help in finding Melodee Buzzard, an at-risk 9-year-old who went missing from California and likely passed through northwest Arizona. The article detailed that Melodee Buzzard was reported missing from her home in Lompoc, California, after a school administrator reported her "prolonged absence" on Oct. 14. When police arrived at the home, they discovered only Melodee's mother, Ashlee Buzzard, was there, and she would not tell them where she was or if she was safe, according to the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office. According to the article, Melodee and Ashlee reportedly went on a road trip as far as Nebraska in a rental white Chevrolet Malibu, which had a fake plate for part of the drive, detectives say. Authorities believe the vehicle travelled along Interstate 15 through Littlefield, Arizona, as Ashlee, and potentially Melodee, drove back to California on Oct. 9 or Oct. 10. Detectives are working to pinpoint the last time Melodee was seen on the route, according to the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office, which noted she was last seen on Oct. 9, somewhere near the Colorado-Utah border. The girl was also photographed at a rental car agency on Oct. 7, wearing a wig and a hoodie. The article added that anyone who has seen Melodee or has had contact with Ashlee since Oct. 7 is asked to contact the Santa Barbara Sheriff's Criminal Investigations Division. The [Independent](#) (11/05, Cavallier), The [Denver Gazette](#) (11/05, McKee), [CalCoast Times](#) (11/05, Friedman), [Hoodline Las Vegas](#) (11/05, Garcia), [KRNV \(NBC-4\)](#) (11/05, Cruz), [KPNX \(NBC-12\)](#) (11/05, Correa), [KYMA \(NBC-11\)](#) (11/05, Fuhrman, Turisk), [KUTV \(CBS-2\)](#) (11/05, Hoffman), [KGET \(NBC-17\)](#) (11/05, Conybeare), and [KSAZ \(FOX-10\)](#) (11/05, Wong) also reported on the story. [AZFamily](#) (11/05, Video), [KTTV \(FOX-11\)](#) (11/05, Video), [WALA \(FOX-10\)](#) (11/05, Video), and [KVVU \(FOX-5\)](#) (11/05, Video) provided broadcast coverage on the story.

Former New Yorker Cop Indicted on Bribery, Drug Trafficking, and Firearm Charges

[Hoodline New York City](#) (11/05, Monroe) reported that Andrew Nguyen, a former NYPD officer, has been indicted on charges including bribery, drug trafficking, and firearm possession. According to the article, Nguyen is accused of accepting over \$30,000 in bribes and using his position to aid a drug trafficking organization from 2020 to 2023. "While the vast majority of our NYPD partners are deeply committed to honoring their duty to protect and serve, the FBI will never tolerate those who besmirch the badge for personal profit," Christopher G. Raia, the FBI Assistant Director in Charge, said in connection with Nguyen's arraignment. The article noted that he faces potential sentences ranging from five years to life in prison, with the case being handled by Assistant United States Attorneys Matthew J. King and Jonathan Rebold. Additional reporting was provided by [New York Post](#) (11/05, Kochman), [Daily Voice](#) (11/05, Crnic), and [Tampa Free Press](#) (11/05, Hernandez).

Continued Reporting: FBI, HSI Indianapolis to Lead New Homeland Security Task Force

[WISH \(CW-8\)](#) (11/05, Adkins) reported that FBI Indianapolis is joining forces with the Homeland Security Task Force (HSTF) in a groundbreaking initiative to combat violent crime across the United States. According to the article, the task force aims to dismantle sophisticated cartels, foreign terrorist organizations, and transnational gangs involved in crimes such as homicide, kidnapping, human trafficking, extortion, and drug smuggling. "The FBI, HSI (Homeland Security Investigations), and our law enforcement partners stand united behind a single, unwavering mission: protecting the American people," said Timothy J. O'Malley, special agent in charge of FBI Indianapolis. Matthew J. Scarpino, special agent in charge of HSI Chicago, emphasized the task force's role in safeguarding communities nationwide through unprecedented coordination. The article noted that the Crossroads of America Task Force includes key law enforcement partners such as the FBI, HSI, ATF, DEA, IRS, and local agencies like the Indiana State Police and the Marion County Sheriff's Office. [WLF \(CBS-18\)](#) (11/05, Essex) also reported on the story.

Continued Reporting: Eric Trump Angered by Lack of Answers on Butler Assassination Attempt, Says We Still 'Know Nothing'

[Fox News](#) (11/05, Tamasco) reported that during an appearance Wednesday on "Pod Force One with Miranda Devine," Eric Trump expressed frustration over what he called a lack of answers from the investigation into the 2024 assassination attempt against his father, President Donald Trump, in Butler, Pennsylvania. "Are you satisfied with the answers that we've got from the Butler assassination attempt? Thomas Crooks, 20 years old. Why do we

know nothing?" Devine asked Eric Trump. "No," he promptly replied. "We know nothing. In fact, not only am I unsatisfied, I'm wholly pissed off about it, and I remain ... pissed off about it." The article explained that on July 13, 2024, then-presidential candidate Donald Trump was shot in the ear while speaking on stage at a campaign rally in Butler, Pennsylvania. According to official reports, 20-year-old gunman Thomas Matthew Crooks fired eight bullets at Trump from a rooftop during the rally, with a bullet grazing Trump's ear. A Secret Service sniper killed Crooks during the shooting, and an FBI investigation remains in progress. No motive has been determined for why Crooks conducted the attack. According to the article, Eric Trump told the host that Director Patel and Deputy Director Bongino are longtime friends, but he has yet to ask them directly about the investigation. The article added that in response to a request for comment, the DOJ referred the reporting outlet to Trump's comments from July, when he told The Daily Caller he is "very satisfied" with the FBI's investigation. [Daily Mail](#) (11/05, Lepore) also reported on the story.

Nevada Attempted Murder Suspect Arrested

[KPQ-FM](#) (11/05, Cooper) reported that Savanh Klarck Songvongsa, a 19-year-old Las Vegas gang member, was arrested at a Moses Lake McDonald's. According to the article, he is wanted for attempted murder, assault with a deadly weapon, and discharging a firearm at a person in Las Vegas. The article noted that the investigation started on Oct. 31 when the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department Gang Unit and the FBI Task Force contacted the Othello Police Department seeking assistance in locating Singvongsa. Investigators believed Singvongsa fled to the Othello or Moses Lake area.

Attorneys for Accused Hiker Killer Request Civilian Clothing and No Shackles in Court

[Washington County Enterprise Leader](#) (11/05, Wood) reported that lawyers for Andrew James McGann, accused of fatally stabbing two hikers at Devil's Den State Park, have filed a motion to allow him to appear in court in civilian clothing and without restraints. According to the article, McGann, 28, has pleaded not guilty to two counts of capital murder and is being held without bail at the Washington County Detention Center. The article noted that Circuit Judge Joanna Taylor issued a gag order to limit pretrial publicity in the case, citing extensive media coverage of the case, and prohibited the media from photographing during McGann's arraignment. The order also applies to law enforcement agencies including the FBI.

Florida Man Accused of Killing Wife in 2012 Cold Case Shooting Arrested in California

[WFOR \(CBS-4\)](#) (11/05, Geisel) reported that Ramone O'Neil Clayton, a 41-year-old South Florida man, was arrested in San Diego, California, for the 2012 shooting death of his wife, Stephanie Ulette Clayton. According to the article, Clayton is currently being held without bond, pending extradition, and is expected to face charges of second-degree murder and use of a firearm during the commission of a felony. After more than a decade on the run, Ramone Clayton, wanted for the 2012 murder of his wife, Stephanie Clayton, has been captured in San Diego, California. Authorities say the fatal shooting occurred in Miami Gardens, Florida. Witnesses reported that an argument between the couple escalated into a physical altercation, during which Clayton allegedly pushed his wife to the ground and shot her in the head before fleeing the scene. Multiple witnesses identified him as the shooter, and an arrest warrant was issued shortly after the killing. For thirteen years, Miami Gardens Police and the US Marshals Fugitive Task Force pursued leads nationwide without success. The article noted that on October 24, 2025, investigators from the San Diego County Sheriff's Office and the FBI Gang Task Force received a credible tip regarding Clayton's whereabouts in San Diego. Three days later, a coordinated operation involving the San Diego Sheriff's Fugitive Task Force, FBI agents, and US Marshals led to Clayton's arrest at his residence. Authorities have confirmed he will face extradition proceedings to Florida to stand trial for first-degree murder. Additional reporting was provided by [WTVJ \(NBC-6\)](#) (11/05, Quintana), [WPLG-TV](#) (11/05, Yechivi), and [WSVN \(ABC-7\)](#) (11/05, Ditton, Beyer).

Ohio Homicide Suspect Turns Himself in Hours After FBI Reward Announced

[WDTN \(NBC-2\)](#) (11/05, Brown) reported that less than a day after a \$15,000 reward for his arrest was announced on behalf of the FBI, a suspect in an April homicide has turned himself in. According to the Montgomery County Jail website, Quandric Lavar Morris-Oglesby is in custody as of 12:08 a.m. Wednesday. Morris-Oglesby was arrested on Tuesday night at 11:43 p.m. According to the article, the Dayton Police Department as well as a video streamed live on Facebook confirmed that he turned himself in at the jail. He's being held on five unofficial charges including two counts of murder, two counts of felonious assault and tampering with evidence. During a press conference Tuesday, Dayton Police alleged that Morris-Oglesby shot and killed Keyson Webb inside a bar on the 1900 block of North Main Street in Dayton. The incident happened on April 5.

Memphis Football Coach Arrested in Mississippi FBI Drug Trafficking Investigation

[WHBQ \(FOX-13\)](#) (11/05, Staff Writer) reported that Chaz Wiseman, a Memphis football coach, was arrested by the FBI in a Mississippi drug trafficking investigation. According to the article, Wiseman was charged with drug distribution and has been placed on administrative leave by the Memphis Business Academy. The article noted that the investigation resulted in a total of 20 arrests, including two sheriffs, 12 law enforcement officers, and a Memphis-Shelby County School District resource officer named Aashan Roach. Additional reporting was provided by [WREG \(CBS-3\)](#) (11/05, Suriani).

The Governor, the CEO & the FBI: Scandal Threatens New York Hospital

[Fairfield Sun Times](#) (11/05, Weingarten) reported that New York's Nassau University Medical Center discovered a 20-year series of transactions that may have shortchanged the hospital by \$1 billion in matching funds, with the state allegedly having the hospital post its share of the match instead of providing state funds. According to the article, the hospital's CEO, Megan C. Ryan, found this arrangement improper and filed a lawsuit against New York, but the state took over the hospital, removing Ryan and other leaders, and disputed the hospital's claims. The article noted that the takeover and alleged financial scheme have drawn scrutiny from the FBI and Republican congressional investigators, with Republican Rep. Elise Stefanik and Governor Kathy Hochul being key figures in the partisan dispute over the hospital's management and Medicaid funding.

Key Committee Demands Docs in Biden 'Gold Bars' Probe

[Daily Caller](#) (11/05, Streb) reported that the Energy and Commerce Committee is investigating the Biden administration's \$20 billion Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund grants awarded to Obama-connected nonprofits. According to the article, Committee Chairman Brett Guthrie and others have requested documents from EPA Administrator Lee Zeldin to determine the basis for the grant awards and to investigate potential waste, fraud, and abuse. The article noted that the FBI, DOJ, and EPA's inspector general are also investigating the GGRF program over potential fraud and abuse of taxpayer dollars.

NBA Gambling Scandal Could Snare More Superstar Names as Suspects Begin to Turn On Each Other

[Daily Mail UK](#) (11/05, Boswell) reported that the NBA's illegal gambling scandal may implicate more basketball stars as defendants begin to cooperate with prosecutors to avoid jail time. According to the article, former federal prosecutor Michael Volkov expects some of the 34 indicted individuals to reveal "big names" in exchange for leniency, including NBA players who may have been involved in the scheme. The article noted that the FBI's investigation has already led to the arrests of Portland Trail Blazers head coach Chauncey Billups, Miami Heat guard Terry Rozier, and former NBA player Damon Jones, with potential fines for casinos involved in the scandal reaching into the hundreds of millions.

Global Authorities Step Up Enforcement After \$9.3 Billion in Crypto Scams Reported in 2024

[CryptoNews](#) (11/05, Shittu) reported that former Australian rugby league player Trent Merrin has been charged with stealing cryptocurrency worth about \$140,000 (roughly \$91,000 USD), following a year-long police investigation into what authorities describe as a deceptive transfer of digital assets from a victim's account. Merrin, 36, who played 250 first-grade games with the St. George Illawarra Dragons and the Penrith Panthers before retiring from the NRL in 2021, was arrested at his Barrack Point home in the Shellharbour region on Tuesday morning. The article noted that according to New South Wales Police, Merrin is accused of using "deceptive means" to gain unauthorized access to the victim's account and transfer the funds. The arrest adds to a growing global trend of cryptocurrency-related fraud cases involving former athletes and public figures. According to the FBI, Americans reported \$9.3 billion in cryptocurrency fraud losses in 2024, a 66% increase from the previous year. The article highlighted that over 50% of those losses were tied to investment scams, with 149,000 complaints filed. The [Daily Telegraph](#) (11/05, Hanrahan) also reported on the story.

Continued Reporting: FBI Urges ICE to ID Themselves as Criminals Impersonate Officers

[The Hill](#) (11/05, Beitsch) reported that the FBI is urging partner agencies to "adequately identify themselves" amid a string of cases in which those impersonating US Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) officers committed crimes, such as kidnapping and assault. "Due to the recent increase in ICE enforcement actions across the country, criminal actors are using ICE's enhanced public profile and media coverage to their advantage to target vulnerable communities and commit criminal activity. This not only effects the victims and communities but also has broader negative consequences on law enforcement agencies," the FBI wrote in a bulletin. The FBI continued, "These criminal impersonations make it difficult for the community to distinguish between legitimate officers conducting

lawful law enforcement action and imposters engaging in criminal activity, which damages trust between the local community and law enforcement officers.” The article clarified that the Oct. 17 bulletin, obtained by the group Property of the People through a public records request, comes as ICE has conducted widespread raids, often with partner agencies, and in some cases masked officers have refused to identify themselves or their agency. The bulletin lists five instances in which someone impersonated an ICE officer, in some cases to commit violent crimes. Neither the FBI nor ICE responded to a request for comment. The [Independent](#) (11/06, Marcus) and [Newsmax](#) (11/05, McCarthy) also reported on the story.

Arizona Man Gets Four Years for Antisemitic Death Threats to New Yorkers

[Tampa Free Press](#) (11/05, Grissom) reported that Donovan Hall, a 35-year-old Arizona man, was sentenced to 49 months in federal prison for making approximately 1,000 antisemitic death threats to Jewish victims in New York City. According to the article, Hall pleaded guilty to the charges, which included interstate threats and stalking, and was also sentenced to three years of supervised release. Special Agent in Charge Stefanie Roddy of the FBI’s Newark Field Office emphasized the seriousness of the conviction. “Hall’s sentencing speaks volumes about the severity of his crimes, and the seriousness with which the law takes them... His reign of fear is over and serves as a reminder to those who think they can hide behind computers, phone lines, and texts – the FBI treats all threats of violence with the utmost seriousness.” The article noted that the threats, which included violent language and targeting of Jewish individuals, were part of a larger pattern of death threats sent to various individuals across the US, and Hall’s sentencing serves as a reminder that the law takes such threats seriously. Additional reporting was provided by [LongIsland.com](#) (11/05, Boyle).

Eight Fugitives the FBI Wants to Catch in Indiana

[WKFR-FM](#) (11/05, Marshall) reported that the FBI Indianapolis Field Office has named eight most wanted fugitives in Indiana, including individuals wanted for drug charges, fraud, and other crimes. According to the article, the fugitives include Alejandro Vargas-Rodriguez, Arien Williams, Charles Teamer, Jose Leyva, Mareya Randall, Fujie Wang, Guan Tianfeng, and Gustavo Cruz. The article noted that the charges against them range from possession and distribution of drugs to conspiracy to commit computer fraud, wire fraud, and sexual exploitation of a child.

Man Sentenced for 1997 Rape in Indiana

[WANE \(CBS-15\)](#) (11/05, Reuille) reported that David Kerner, 56, has been sentenced to 30 years in prison for a 1997 rape in Fort Wayne. According to the article, the case went cold for decades until a rape kit was sent for DNA testing in 2024, leading to Kerner’s arrest in May. The article noted that the statute of limitations for rape in Indiana is five years, but a CODIS hit – information from the FBI’s Combined DNA Index System that aided in this investigation – allows prosecution if an arrest is made even after the time limit. Additional reporting was provided by [WPTA \(ABC-21\)](#) (11/05, Brock).

New Jersey Teen Who Vanished on Halloween Was Last Seen on Bridge

[Patch](#) (11/05, Winick) reported that Owen Tillman Kenney, a 19-year-old from New Jersey, went missing on Halloween in South Carolina. According to the article, he was last seen walking alone onto the Ravenel Bridge pedestrian walkway around 3 a.m. on October 31. The article noted that the Charleston Police Department is searching for Kenney with multiple resources, including K9 units and the FBI, and is asking the public to share any credible information directly with investigators. Additional reporting was provided by [USA Today](#) (11/05, Alund), [The Sun](#) (11/05, Maracina), [NewsNation](#) (11/05, Whiteside), [WTTG \(FOX-5\)](#) (11/05, Sabes), and [WKXW-FM](#) (11/05, Alexander).

FBI, Task Force Investigating Ohio Home

[WKBN \(CBS-27\)](#) (11/05, Gorman) reported that investigators with the FBI and the Mahoning Valley Law Enforcement Task Force served a search warrant Wednesday morning, investigating drug activity at a home on the 500 block of Miller Street on the South Side of Youngstown. The article indicated that at least one person was detained but released when investigators left. A car in the drive and an SUV in front of the home were also searched. Investigators also took several bags of evidence with them when they left. Two police dogs and their handlers from the Youngstown Police Department assisted.

Florida Mom of Missing Girl Last Seen in June Faces New Charges

[WTSP \(CBS-10\)](#) (11/05, Chu, Herrera) reported that Gabrielle Terrelonge, a 10-year-old girl from Florida, was last seen on June 21 and has been missing since. According to the article, her mother, Passha Davis, has been charged with child neglect and is being held on a \$100,000 bond. The article noted that the FBI and local authorities are

seeking the public's help in locating Gabrielle, who may be heading to the Orlando area. Additional reporting was provided by [WTVT \(FOX-13\)](#) (11/05, Gay), [WSVN \(ABC-7\)](#) (11/05, Ditton, Linsalata), [WTVJ \(NBC-6\)](#) (11/05, Odzer, Hamacher), [WPLG-TV](#) (11/05, Mackey, Lowe), and [WFLA \(NBC-8\)](#) (11/05, Tucker).

Bank Robbery Suspect in Illinois Identified

[Patch](#) (11/05, DeGrechie) reported that Aaron J. Gregory, 33, from Dixmoor, has been charged in a federal court for a bank robbery. According to the article, the theft occurred on October 30 at a U.S. Bank location in Elk Grove Village, specifically at 1100 W. Devon Ave. The article noted that Gregory was taken into custody by the Elk Grove Village Police Department and later turned over to the FBI for further investigation and charges.

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CYBER DIVISION

Continued Reporting: US Indicts Three Cyber Pros Who Moonlit for Ransomware Gang

[Computer Weekly](#) (11/05, Scroxton) reported that US prosecutors have indicted three cyber security professionals, Kevin Tyler Martin, Ryan Clifford Goldberg, and an unnamed individual, for allegedly extorting organizations using the ALPHV/BlackCat ransomware. According to a September FBI affidavit, their cyber crime spree began in May 2023, when the unnamed conspirator obtained an ALPHV/BlackCat affiliate account which he shared with Goldberg and Martin – who is identified in the affidavit as Co-Conspirator 2. They split the profits they made between themselves after paying the gang its 'share'. The money was laundered through a mixing service and multiple crypto wallets. The article noted that the indictment highlights the risk of insider threats, with experts emphasizing the importance of rigorous access controls, regular behavioral reviews, and a culture that encourages open communication and wellbeing checks to prevent such incidents. [Security Affairs](#) (11/05, Paganini) also reported on the story.

Continued Reporting: University of Pennsylvania Confirms Hacker Stole Data During Cyberattack

[TechCrunch](#) (11/05, Silberling) reported that the University of Pennsylvania confirmed a hacker stole university data during a cyberattack that occurred on October 31. The breach happened due to a social engineering attack, and the university has locked down the compromised systems to prevent further unauthorized access. The article noted that the university will contact individuals whose personal information was accessed by hackers, but has not disclosed the number of people affected or the type of information accessed. [Bleeping Computer](#) (11/05, Abrams) added that the University of Pennsylvania says it notified the FBI of the breach and is working with CrowdStrike to investigate the security incident.

Three of the Biggest Cybercrime Gangs Around Appear to Be Teaming Up

[Tech Radar](#) (11/05, Fadilpasic) reported that the three biggest cybercrime gangs, Scattered Spider, Lapsus\$, and ShinyHunters, have merged into a federated cybercriminal brand known as SLH, which operates mainly on Telegram and uses Extortion-as-a-Service to target victims and demand ransoms. According to the article, the group's behavior is characterized by a mix of financially motivated cybercrime and attention-seeking tactics, similar to those used by hacktivists, with SLH using dramatic language, polls, and public taunts against law enforcement agencies, such as the FBI and the NCA, while its main motive remains financial gain rather than ideology.

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INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Continued Reporting: FBI to Help Track Down Barrio 18 Gang Leaders Who Escaped Prison

[CBS News](#) (11/05, Staff Writer) reported that the US will send an FBI team to Guatemala to help capture escaped Barrio 18 gang leaders. According to the article, the gang members broke out of the Fraijanes II prison near Guatemala City, with only four recaptured so far. The article noted that the FBI's Joint Task Force Vulcan will participate in the operation to track down the escapees, following Guatemala's classification of Barrio 18 as a "terrorist" organization. Additional reporting was provided by [Insider Paper](#) (11/05, Staff Writer).

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OTHER FBI NEWS

Country Singer Dating Director Patel Sues a Utah Man for Claiming She Is a 'Honey-pot' Israeli Spy

The [Salt Lake Tribune](#) (11/05, Schreifels) reported that country singer Alexis Wilkins, who is dating Director Patel, has filed a \$5 million defamation lawsuit against a Utah social media influencer — arguing the man fabricated his claim that she's an Israeli spy and is using his tale as "fund-raising click-bait." According to the article, her federal lawsuit targets Utahn Sam Parker, who once ran for Congress and now frequently posts on social media. He has nearly 100,000 followers on his "BasedSamParker" X account, where he has asked them for financial support. The Tennessee woman alleges in her lawsuit that Parker has repeatedly lied about her online, falsely asserting that she is an Israeli "honeypot" agent who began her relationship with Director Patel to "manipulate and compromise" him in his role as Director. The article detailed that the lawsuit alleges that Parker posted defamatory statements about Wilkins on X that he either knew were false or posted with "reckless disregard for the truth." Director Patel, who has come under fire recently for using an FBI jet to travel to see Wilkins perform, shared a lengthy post on X defending her. "The disgustingly baseless attacks against Alexis — a true patriot and the woman I'm proud to call my partner in life — are beyond pathetic," he wrote. "She is a rock-solid conservative and a country music sensation who has done more for this nation than most will in ten lifetimes. I'm so blessed she's in my life." The [Independent](#) (11/05, Cockburn) also reported that four FBI agents had a rollercoaster start to the week after being fired on Monday, rehired later the same day, but then fired again on Tuesday, as Director Patel sought to remove agents who helped investigate Donald Trump's efforts to overturn the 2020 election results. Director Patel initially fired the agents on Monday, but it is reported that, following pushback from US Attorney Jeanine Pirro of the District of Columbia and others, he reinstated them the same day. But by Tuesday morning, he relieved them of their duties again. [Daily Beast](#) (11/05, Thompson) and [Daily Mail](#) (11/05, Peterson, Lepore) also reported on the story. [Hindustan Times](#) (11/05, Video) provided broadcast coverage on the story.

Maryland to Sue Trump Admin Over FBI Headquarters

The [Baltimore Sun](#) (11/05, Mause) reported that Maryland is suing the Trump administration for abandoning Greenbelt in favor of a new FBI headquarters in downtown Washington, D.C., according to people familiar with the state's plan. According to the article, the lawsuit is a last-ditch effort to save years of work by state officials and lawmakers to land the coveted new headquarters, finally succeeding, only to see the Trump administration dismantle the dream in a matter of months. Sen. Angela Alsobrooks mentioned the possibility of a lawsuit after the Senate voted last week to approve funding for the FBI headquarters to move to the Ronald Reagan Building. The Reagan Building formerly housed the United States Agency for International Development before it was shuttered earlier this year by the administration. The White House referred the reporting outlet to the DOJ. The DOJ did not respond prior to publication. The article explained that Alsobrooks said last week that she believes the administration has violated a 2022 law that designated three potential sites for the new FBI headquarters. Greenbelt was ultimately selected by the General Services Administration, the agency that oversees many federal buildings and properties. Washington, D.C., was not on the list of sites. The [Baltimore Banner](#) (11/05, Wood), [WJLA \(ABC-7\)](#) (11/05, Bell), and [WBFF \(FOX-45\)](#) (11/05, Curtis) also reported on the story.

Book by Ex-FBI Agent Details Portrait of Indiana Grave Robber

[Indy Star](#) (11/05, Bongiovanni) reported that former FBI agent Tim Carpenter has written a book called "The Grave Robber" about the case of Don Miller, who stole thousands of cultural artifacts and human remains from Native American graves. According to the article, in 2014, the FBI seized over 5,000 artifacts and 2,000 human bones from Miller's home in Rush County, Indiana, with the remains being stored in moldy and disrespectful conditions. The article noted that Carpenter's book reveals the details of the case and the efforts to repatriate the artifacts and remains to their countries of origin, with about 96% of the seized items having been returned to countries including Peru, Canada, and China.

Epstein Claimed Prosecutors Offered His Freedom if He Agreed to Implicate President Trump

The [New York Post](#) (11/05, Tillett) reported that Jeffrey Epstein claimed New York federal prosecutors told him he could walk free if he agreed to implicate Donald Trump, according to his ex-cellmate. The article detailed that after his arrest on child sex-trafficking charges in July 2019, Epstein was transferred to the Metropolitan Correctional Center in Manhattan — where he shared a cell with ex-cop Nicholas Tartaglione, who was awaiting trial before being convicted on a quadruple-murder charge. Tartaglione, 57, now claims that Epstein, who died a month after being arrested, told him prosecutors had offered to cut a deal if he'd snitch on Trump, who was then in his first term. "Prosecutors ... told Epstein that if he said President Trump was involved with Epstein's crimes he would walk free," Tartaglione claims in a pardon application, filed in July and obtained by the reporting outlet. The filing

states, "Epstein told me that [lead prosecutor] Maurene Comey said that he didn't have to prove anything, as long as President Trump's people could not disprove it. According to Maurene Comey, the FBI were 'her people, not his [President Trump's]." The article added that the papers don't specify what crimes Trump would have been implicated in. Tartaglione added in his petition that Epstein told him "President Trump was not involved in Epstein's crimes." [KOST-FM](#) (11/05, Hall) also reported on the story.

New Jersey Swears-in New Chief of Police

[Patch](#) (11/05, Winick) reported that Jeffrey Ackerson has been sworn in as the new Chief of Police for the Holmdel Township Police Department. According to the article, a 27-year veteran of the Holmdel Township Police Department, and a lifelong Holmdel resident, Ackerson is also a graduate of the FBI National Academy and an Accredited Command Executive from the NJ Association of Chiefs of Police. The article noted that Ackerson replaces former Chief Frank Allocco, who retired after 39 years of service.

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White House

President Trump

- 9:00 AM: In-Town Pool Call Time
- 11:00 AM: The President makes an Announcement
- 6:00 PM: The President participates in Multilateral Meetings with Central Asian Countries
- 7:00 PM: The President participates in a Dinner with Central Asian Countries

Vice President Vance

- No official presidential schedule released or announced.

US Senate

- Hearings to examine the nominations of Michael Payne, of Virginia, to be Director of Cost Assessment and Program Evaluation, Alexander Velez-Green, of Virginia, to be a Deputy Under Secretary, and Timothy Dill, of Ohio, and Maurice Todd, of Florida, both to be an Assistant Secretary, all of the Department of Defense. – 9:30 AM – Host: Armed Services
- Hearings to examine reforming financial transparency in higher education. – 10:00 AM – Host: Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
- Hearings to examine the nominations of John DeLeeuw, of Texas, Richard Kloster, of West Virginia, and Michelle A. Schultz, of Pennsylvania, each to be a Member of the Surface Transportation Board. – 10:00 AM – Host: Commerce, Science, and Transportation
- Business meeting to consider S.1884, to clarify the Holocaust Expropriated Art Recovery Act of 2016, to appropriately limit the application of defenses based on the passage of time and other non-merits defenses to claims under that Act, and the nominations of Robert P. Chamberlin, and James D. Maxwell II, both to be a United States District Judge for the Northern District of Mississippi, Thomas Ferguson III, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of North Carolina, James Kruger, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of Mississippi, Scott Leary, of Mississippi, to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of Mississippi, Andrew Duva, of Florida, to be an Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice,

William J. Crain, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Louisiana, Alexander C. Van Hook, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Louisiana, and Ryan Anthony Kriegshauser, of Kansas, to be United States Attorney for the District of Kansas. – 10:15 AM – Host: Judiciary

- Hearings to examine assessing Obamacare. – 1:00 PM – Host: Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

US House of Representatives

- No events scheduled.

Cabinet Members

- Secretary of State Rubio participates in a working breakfast with Kazakhstan President Kassym-Jomart Tokayev at the Department of State at 8:00 AM.

Visitors

- No events scheduled.

General Events

- CSIS: Rep. Adam Smith on Engaging China – Thursday, November 6, 2025. Location: Online event, 8:30 AM. Please join the CSIS Bipartisan Alliance for Global Health Security on Thursday, November 6, from 8:30 to 9:30am ET for a discussion with Congressman Adam Smith (WA-09), Ranking Member of the House Armed Services Committee, on his experience leading a Congressional delegation to China in late September 2025. Rep. Smith's bipartisan delegation—the first House delegation to travel to China since 2019—pressed for high-level military-to-military dialogue between the world's leading superpowers. What reception did they receive from their Chinese counterparts, what messages did they impart, and how has the dialogue with his colleagues evolved since his return to Washington? What did the trip reveal and how does he expect to see the bilateral relationship evolve—including on key issues such as the debate over fentanyl—into the new year? Following welcoming remarks from John J. Hamre, CSIS CEO and Langone Chair in American Leadership, J. Stephen Morrison, Senior Vice President and Director of the CSIS Global Health Policy Center, will moderate the discussion.
- CSIS: MBS in Washington: What's Next for U.S.–Saudi Relations? – Thursday, November 6, 2025. Location: Online event, 9:00 AM. Saudi Arabia's Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman will travel to Washington D.C. and meet with President Donald Trump in the White House on November 18. His visit follows Trump's trip to the Gulf in May 2025. It will be the crown prince's first visit to the United States since 2018.
- CSIS: Federal Statistics For Economic Security – Thursday, November 6, 2025. Location: Online event, 9:00 AM. Reliable, accurate, and timely data are the foundation of sound policy, business strategy, and public trust. For generations, the U.S. federal statistical system has been the global benchmark, renowned for its credibility, integrity, and capacity for innovation. Yet that system—and the trust it has earned through decades of investment—is now under strain from flat budgets, aging infrastructure, and growing demands for faster, more granular insights.
- CSIS: Trump's Deals in Asia: China, Korea, Japan | The Capital Cable #124 – Thursday, November 6, 2025. Location: Online event, 11:00 AM. President Trump had a whirlwind trip to Asia last week, with stops in Malaysia, Japan and Korea. He met Chinese leader Xi Jinping for the first time in his second term. He reached trade deals with Cambodia, Malaysia and South Korea, framework agreements with Thailand and Vietnam and a peace deal between Cambodia and Thailand. He also met important U.S. allies, including the new Japanese prime minister Sanae Takaichi for the first time, and was warmly welcomed by South Korean president Lee Jae Myung for their second meeting. What are the key takeaways from Trump's first Asia trip?
- Carnegie: The Rise of the Radical Right and the Future of World Order – Thursday, November 6, 2025. Location: Online event, 10:00 AM. The emergence of the radical right is among the most consequential developments in contemporary world politics. While its national manifestations differ, radical conservatism is fundamentally an ideological project, dedicated to dismantling liberal globalization and reasserting the

primacy of national sovereignty, traditional values, and distinctive cultures. In implementing this program, hard-right activists and parties have formed transnational networks to defeat their perceived enemies and advance a new order embodying their convictions.

- Carnegie: The World at a Crossroads: Implications of Evolving Nuclear Security – Thursday, November 6, 2025. Location: Online event, 12:30 PM. Over the past decade, the global nuclear security landscape has been reshaped by changes in nuclear capabilities, deterrence doctrines, and strategic alliances of the major nuclear powers. As the United States, Russia, and China have modernized and expanded their nuclear arsenals, escalating global conflict, from Ukraine to the Middle East, has shifted the traditional foundations of the nuclear order and deepened regional rivalries. With the U.S. reassessing its global interests under the second Trump administration and concerns of increased coordination between Russia, China, North Korea, and Iran growing, policymakers are changing the way they think about nuclear security.
- CATO Institute: The Military Balance in the Indo-Pacific, with and Without Taiwan – Thursday, November 6, 2025. Location: Online event, 11:00 AM. The prospect of a Chinese invasion and conquest of Taiwan is a major focus of US–China security competition. Apart from its political, economic, and moral consequences, some US experts argue that Chinese control of Taiwan would compromise the US military position in Asia, bolstering the case that the United States should commit its military to defend Taiwan’s autonomy. Jonathan Caverley and Evan Montgomery will discuss the stakes of the US commitment to Taiwan, whether preserving Taiwan’s autonomy justifies risking conflict with China, and the relationship between Taiwan and the broader military balance in the Indo-Pacific.
- PIIE: Bridges and borders: Economic policy across North America – Thursday, November 6, 2025. Location: Online event, 9:00 AM. This conference organized by PIIE and the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas examines key policy and economic challenges shaping the future of North American integration, with a focus on labor mobility, remittance flows, and cross-border trade. As the region navigates shifting immigration dynamics and prepares for a pivotal review of the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement in 2026, conference sessions explore how policy decisions affect economic resilience, productivity, and regional cooperation. Experts assess the implications for workers, firms, and communities and consider strategies for strengthening economic ties across borders.
- Atlantic Council: Representative Adam Smith on how Congress will shape US defense policy – Thursday, November 6, 2025. Location: Online event, 11:00 AM. On Thursday, November 6 at 11:00 a.m. ET, the Atlantic Council will host an #ACFrontPage conversation with Representative Adam Smith (D-WA), ranking member of the House Armed Services Committee, on the future of US defense strategy and the FY 2026 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA). This event is part of the Scowcroft Center for Strategy and Security’s flagship Commanders Series, supported by Saab.
- Atlantic Council: Sixth Partnership for Transatlantic Energy Cooperation (P-TEC) – Thursday, November 6, 2025. Location: Online event, 2:00 AM. The sixth P-TEC Ministerial will convene industry leaders to discuss energy security and affordability, infrastructure projects, and investment opportunities from Athens, Greece.

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