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Judge Delays Trump's Hush Money Sentencing Until at Least September After High Court Immunity Ruling

The [Associated Press](#) (07/02, Offenhartz, Peltz) and [Reuters](#) (07/02, Cohen, Heavey) reported that in a major reprieve for former President Donald Trump, sentencing for his hush money convictions was postponed until at least September as the judge agreed to weigh the impact of a new Supreme Court ruling on presidential immunity. According to the articles, Trump had been scheduled to face sentencing on July 11, but the postponement sets the sentencing for Sept. 18 at the earliest. Trump's lawyers are arguing that the Supreme Court ruling merits not only delaying the sentencing but also tossing out his conviction. The articles explained that the Supreme Court decision granted broad immunity protections to presidents, making it harder for prosecutors to use evidence of official acts in criminal cases. This ruling restricts prosecutors from citing presidential duties as evidence when trying to prove that unofficial actions violated the law. The articles noted that prosecutors with Manhattan District Attorney Alvin Bragg's office said Trump's argument was "without merit," but agreed to delay the sentencing to give Trump the chance to make his case. A timeline posted by [ABC News](#) (07/02, Katersky, Charalambous) illustrated the FBI's involvement in the Hush Money case. The article reported that on April 9, 2018, the FBI executed a search warrant on Michael Cohen's residence and office. Prosecutors alleged that Trump and others engaged in a pressure campaign to ensure Cohen did not cooperate with law enforcement. The article noted that Cohen later pled guilty, admitting his role in the hush money payments and stating that he acted at Trump's direction. Additional reporting on the story was provided by the [New York Times](#) (07/02, Protesch, Rashbaum, et al.), [Wall Street Journal](#) (07/02, Ramey, Fanelli), [Washington Post](#) (07/02, Jacobs, Barrett), [CNN](#) (07/02, Reid, Valle, et al.), [Washington Times](#) (07/02, Howell Jr.), [Washington Examiner](#) (07/02, Johnson), [CNBC](#) (07/02, Breuninger), [NBC News](#) (07/02, Jarrett, Reiss, Satlin), [ABC News](#) (07/02, Katersky, Charalambous, Faulders), [CBS News](#) (07/02, Kates), [Bloomberg](#) (07/02, Voreacos), [USA Today](#) (07/02, Bagchi), [BBC](#) (07/02, Epstein), [New York Post](#) (07/02, Kochman), [The Guardian](#) (07/02, Lowell), [The Hill](#) (07/02, Schonfeld, Lee), [Forbes](#) (07/02, Durkee), and [Al Jazeera](#) (07/02, Staff Writer).

Indigenous Activist Denied Parole for 1975 Killings of Two FBI Agents Serving Warrants

The [Associated Press](#) (07/02, Hollingsworth) reported that Indigenous activist Leonard Peltier has been denied parole for the 1975 killings of two FBI agents on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota. According to the article, the U.S. Parole Commission announced that he won't be eligible for another hearing until June 2026. His attorney, Kevin Sharp, criticized the decision, stating, "This decision is a missed opportunity for the United States to finally recognize the misconduct of the FBI and send a message to Indian Country regarding the impacts of the federal government's actions and policies of the 1970s." The FBI and its former agents dispute Peltier's claims of innocence, with Mike Clark, president of the Society of Former Special Agents of the FBI, stating, "They were down, they were wounded, they were helpless and he shot them point blank. It is a heinous crime." The family of one of the agents, Jack Coler, also opposes Peltier's release, with Coler's son writing, "Peltier allows himself to be celebrated thus. He knows his guilt." The article noted that Director Wray said in a statement that "justice continues to prevail." And Natalie Bara, president of the FBI Agents Association, described Peltier in a statement as an "unremorseful murderer." Additional reporting on the story was provided by [Reuters](#) (07/02, Clifford), [New York Times](#) (07/02, Nostrant), [NBC News](#) (07/02, Ortiz), [Fox News](#) (07/02, Ruiz), [CNN](#) (07/02, Gallagher, Nottingham, Almasy), [USA Today](#) (07/02, Becenti), [Law360](#) (07/02, Owens), [UPI](#) (07/02,

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Continued Reporting: The FBI Is Starting a New Program to Prevent Mass Violence
[Spectrum News](#) (07/02, Thompson) reported that the FBI Cleveland and FBI Behavioral Analysis Unit (BAU) are urging the public to be aware of behaviors that might indicate someone is on a "pathway to violence." In a release, Greg Nelsen, FBI Cleveland Special Agent in Charge, emphasized the importance of reporting suspicious behavior, saying, "As bystanders, we might think we are overreacting... The reality is that it is vitally important to report suspicious behavior, whether to the FBI or to local law enforcement." According to the article, the BAU's Prevent Mass Violence campaign encourages reporting troubling behaviors to authorities or trusted individuals. These behaviors include threats, fantasies about violence, creating materials explaining future violence, and increasing isolation. The article quoted Brad Hentschel, a supervisory special agent in BAU: "Mass shooters don't just snap. Recognizing and reporting the warning signs of someone thinking about and preparing for violence can be lifesaving." [Utah News Dispatch](#) (07/02, Dunphey) reported that the FBI's new Prevent Mass Violence campaign aims to help the public recognize and report warning signs of potential mass shooters. Shohini Sinha, the special agent in charge of the Salt Lake City FBI Field Office, emphasized, "Active shooters, mass shooters, do not just snap. They consider, they plan and they prepare for their attacks over time, sometimes as long as years. Often, people around them see what's happening." She highlighted behaviors such as making violent jokes or comments, experiencing unusual difficulty coping with stress, and isolating from others. Sinha also stated, "If you notice somebody doing any of these things, it's important that you talk to somebody you trust. What is important is that you tell somebody, because we can't do anything about it if we don't know." The article also detailed cases illustrating these warning signs, including a local shooting incident and a foiled school attack. [WOIO \(CBS-19\)](#) (07/02, McSweeney) and [KSL-FM](#) (07/02, Peterson) also reported on the story.

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Heavy Security Presence Planned for July 4th Boston Pops Fireworks Spectacular
[Boston Globe](#) (07/02, Sweeney) reported that despite no credible threats being detected, there will be a heavy security presence at the Boston Pops Fireworks Spectacular on July 4th, and attendees are urged to avoid bringing prohibited items. According to the article, Jodi Cohen, the special agent in charge of the FBI's Boston Division, said the FBI "is not aware of any specific or credible threats" targeting the Boston Pops Fireworks Spectacular or any other July 4th festivities. "That said ... we must maintain a heightened state of vigilance, given that we are home to many patriotic and historical landmarks, and this event is an attractive and symbolic target," Cohen said at Tuesday's news conference. "The threats we are facing from domestic, international, and state-sponsored terrorism actors are all elevated. But the law enforcement team standing here today is actively collecting and sharing intelligence about the possible threats in real-time so that we can make informed decisions on the best use of our resources should potential threats to public safety arise." The article noted that Cohen asked the public to be "an extension of our eyes and ears" and "reach out to law enforcement if you come across someone or something that doesn't seem quite right." She continued, "Before many mass attacks, perpetrators have shown signs they were on the pathway to violence, including comments, jokes, or threats about violent plans, reduced interest in hobbies, or other activities, increasing isolation from family, friends or others, and angry outbursts or physical aggression. In many cases, a witness to these signs did not know who to alert about their concern. Please report them to us or local law enforcement because working together, we increase our chances of preventing mass violence." [WABC \(ABC-7\)](#) (07/02, Staff Writer) noted that one of the scenarios the FBI is warning about is the use of drones to attack large groups that are watching fireworks

in NYC or across the country. According to the article, a recent FBI terrorism bulletin emphasized the threat of "attack drones," which are unmanned aircraft systems that could potentially drop explosives on crowds. The article explained that throughout the city, police have installed drone detectors that can spot an unauthorized device and even take control over it. [WCVB \(ABC-5\)](#) (07/02, Haynes) also reported on the story.

U.S. Military Heightens Security Alert Level at European Bases in Response to Threats

[CBS News](#) (07/02, Staff Writer) reported that the U.S. military has raised its security alert level to Charlie at bases throughout Europe due to various threats, including the ongoing wars in Ukraine and Gaza, upcoming major events like the Olympics, and recent elections in France and the U.K. According to the article, this heightened security follows a worldwide alert issued by the FBI and Homeland Security in May, warning of potential terrorist attacks by ISIS at Pride events in Europe. The article noted that raising the threat level to Charlie means additional security measures will be in place at U.S. military installations, but it's up to each commander's discretion to determine what those measures are. It also means service members and their families who are living in each community should be more aware of their surroundings and maintain a lower profile. [Clearance Jobs](#) (07/02, Suciu) also reported on the story.

Texas Teen Linked to Hoax Calls and Bomb Threats Across the U.S.

[KDFW \(FOX-4\)](#) (07/02, Staff Writer) reported that a teenager in Texas is accused of making over 100 hoax bomb threats and swatting calls across multiple states, leading to an extensive investigation by the Collin County Sheriff's Office. According to the article, the investigation, which began with a false SWAT incident report in St. Paul, Texas, uncovered similar threats directed at various schools and grocery stores and involved sophisticated methods to mask the caller's identity. The article noted that the FBI and multiple local law enforcement agencies conducted a raid on the suspect's home, with charges against the teen still pending.

Continued Reporting: 9/11 Families Say Biden, Trump Need to Address Saudi Video

The [New York Post](#) (07/02, Morphet, Crane) reported that families of 9/11 victims criticized President Biden and former President Trump for their silence regarding new footage showing a suspected Saudi spy filming U.S. landmarks before the attacks. According to the article, Brett Eagleson, president of 9/11 Justice, expressed the victims' frustration, saying, "It's 23 years later, and our government has failed to bring us accountability, closure and justice." The article noted that retired FBI Agent Richard Lambert, who is involved in the families' lawsuit against Saudi Arabia, suggested the footage could have informed al Qaeda's targeting decisions, highlighting the ongoing demand for justice and accountability from U.S. leaders. [News Nation Now](#) (07/02, Ingle) also reported on the story.

Opinion: Alarmism About Terrorism Is Risky and Unjustified

An opinion piece from [Discourse](#) (07/02, Nowrasteh, Ard) reported that authors Graham Allison and Michael J. Morell argued in *Foreign Affairs* about the imminent threat of terrorist attacks in the U.S., suggesting that complacency is riskier than alarmism. They emphasized the serious potential of an attack and urged action, particularly given the porous nature of the southern U.S. border. The article critiqued the *Foreign Affairs*'s piece as overly alarmist, citing statistics to demonstrate the rarity of foreign-born terrorist attacks on U.S. soil and the small impact of those that do occur. The article mentioned that Director Wray has expressed concerns about the possibility of terrorists entering the U.S. through the southern border and is investigating various plots. The article assessed that the evidence he provided doesn't strongly support claims of an immediate threat. The author assessed that alarmism about terrorism is risky and unjustified, and advocated for a balanced approach that avoids unnecessary panic.

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China Using Surveillance Sites in Cuba, Likely to Spy on United States

The [National Desk](#) (07/02, Frazao) reported that China is using surveillance sites in Cuba to spy on the United States. According to the article, intelligence experts have raised alarms about Chinese electronic eavesdropping stations in Cuba, which are in proximity to U.S. military and space facilities, with Matthew Funaiolo noting that "signal intelligence facilities are one of the best ways" for China to gather information about U.S. operations. The article explained that surveillance sites have seen recent upgrades, such as a new dish antenna installed in January, enhancing their capability to track U.S. aircraft, ships, and missiles. The article noted that during a January hearing before the Select Committee on the Chinese Communist Party, Director Wray said, "The CCP's dangerous actions, China's multi-pronged assault on our national and economic security, make it the defining threat of our generation."

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CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS

Special Counsel Is Said to Be Planning to Pursue Trump Cases Past the Election

The [New York Times](#) (07/02, Feuer) reported that the special counsel Jack Smith plans to pursue his two criminal cases against former President Donald J. Trump through the election and even up until Inauguration Day if Trump wins the presidential race, according to a person familiar with Smith's thinking. The article stated that Smith believes that under DOJ regulations, his mandate as special counsel and his authority to keep the cases going do not depend on a change of administration and extend until he is formally removed from his post, the person said. According to the article, the special counsel's office is prepared to push forward for as long as possible on the two indictments it has filed against Trump. One of those, brought in Washington, has accused the former president of plotting to subvert the 2020 election. The other, filed in Florida, has charged Trump with holding on to a trove of highly sensitive classified documents after he left office and then obstructing the government's repeated efforts to retrieve them. The [Washington Post](#) (07/02, Barrett, Stein), and [Newsweek](#) (07/02, Palmer) also reported on the story.

FBI Investigates Vandalism at Two Jewish Cemeteries in Cincinnati

The [Associated Press](#) (07/02, Staff Writer) reported that the FBI and police in Cincinnati are investigating the damage of nearly 180 gravestones at two Jewish cemeteries. The tombstones, some dating back to the late 1800s, likely were knocked over between June 25 and Monday, according to the Jewish Federation of Cincinnati. The article added that the damage was found in two Jewish sections of the Covedale Cemetery complex on Monday. [CNN](#) (07/02, Henderson, Bishop) reported that Sue Susskind, executive director of the Jewish Cemeteries of Greater Cincinnati, said law enforcement has now granted permission for the gravestones to be repaired and inspected. Some of the gravestones are so heavy, they will have to be lifted up by cranes, she said. The article added that they hope to identify names and pull reports from the Jewish Cemeteries database, Susskind said. For the older graves not in the system, the organization will have to "go on the ground and try to figure it out."

FBI Offering \$10,000 Reward for Help Finding Arsonists in New Mexico Wildfires

The [New York Post](#) (07/02, Joyce) reported that the FBI wants to know who is responsible for the South Fork and Salt fires surrounding Ruidoso, offering up to \$10,000 as a reward for information that leads to the arrest and conviction of "the person or persons responsible for starting the fires near Ruidoso, New Mexico," according to its website. The article added that the FBI's Albuquerque field office declined to say

whether or not the FBI thinks people set the fires on tribal lands intentionally or if it thinks the same individuals started both fires. So far, the fires have destroyed over 1,400 structures, including 500 homes, and killed two people. The article noted that as the FBI seeks the perpetrators of the fire, President Joe Biden declared that New Mexico had a major disaster ongoing on June 20. It came one day after Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham filed a Major Disaster Declaration request, according to a press release from her office.

FBI in New York Looking to Identify 900+ Victims of Online Porn Marketplace

The [New York Post](#) (07/02, Gibbon) reported that a top FBI agent took to X on Tuesday to personally plead for more than 900 suspected victims of an accused child and adult-porn peddler to contact the agency. The article noted that the move comes six months after Kyle White, 25, "The Ho Zone" creator, was busted for allegedly targeting hundreds of unsuspecting online users by plucking their images and selling them to subscribers on the Telegram messaging app under the name THZ Admin. The article quoted FBI New York Special Agent in Charge Leslie Backschie's who said in a video on X, "Some of the victims include social media influencers, NCAA and semi-professional athletes, actresses, models, teenagers and victims of blackmail or sextortion, if you or someone you know suspects that White shared your private images or videos without permission, please report it." The article stated that federal prosecutors charged White with two counts of receipt, distribution, and advertisement of child pornography in January, calling his alleged illicit online sex market "abhorrent and depraved." The FBI is asking victims to come forward by visiting the THZ Victim site and filling out a short form with the agency promising that the information will remain confidential. [WHAM \(CBS-6\)](#) (07/02, Staff Writer) also reported on the story.

Michigan Man Pleads Guilty to Kidnapping Store Manager, Stealing 123 Guns, Feds Say

[NBC News](#) (07/02, Planas) reported that a Michigan man pleaded guilty to kidnapping a manager of a sporting goods store at gunpoint last year and then making off with more than 100 handguns, federal authorities said Tuesday. Darnell Bishop, 33, of Benton Harbor, also pleaded guilty to brandishing a firearm during and in relation to a crime of violence, according to a statement from the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Western District of Michigan. A DOJ [press release](#) quoted Cheyvoryea Gibson, Special Agent in Charge of the FBI in Michigan, who said, "Today's guilty plea confirms that justice has been served, and Mr. Bishop will be held accountable for the heinous crimes committed against the victim and the victim's place of work, I commend the investigative efforts and achievements of the FBI's Benton Harbor Safe Streets Task Force and our local, state, and federal partners for their dedication to this case. Nevertheless, our daily work continues to contribute to the safety of our communities."

Continued Reporting: New Grand Jury Transcripts Released in Jeffrey Epstein Case Reveal Prosecutors Knew About Accusations

[CBS News](#) (07/02, Duncan, Hoffman) reported that a Florida judge on Monday unveiled 150 pages of grand jury transcripts from 2006 that looked into sex trafficking and rape allegations made against financier Jeffrey Epstein. The newly released documents from 18 years ago unveiled by Palm Beach County Circuit Judge Luis Delgado revealed that prosecutors knew about detailed accusations against Epstein — years before the financier was given a sweetheart deal. The article noted that according to 2006 testimony, the investigation against Epstein began a year earlier. Two victims were questioned during the proceedings — including one who alleged that Epstein, then in his 50s, molested her when she was 14 years old. The second victim said she was raped by Epstein the day before her 18th birthday. A detective on the case testified that victims were paid for the sex acts and encouraged to recruit other underage girls and told "the younger, the better." The article mentioned that Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis signed a bill in February allowing the release of the documents on July 1 or afterward. Florida grand jury transcripts are usually kept secret, but the bill created an exemption for cases like Epstein's. The article

added that twelve of Epstein's accusers sued the FBI in February for failure to protect them, according to a complaint filed in federal court in New York. The complaint alleges that tips, reports, and complaints about Epstein's activities were provided to the FBI starting in 1996. [USA TODAY](#) (07/02, Phillips, Baltz), and the [Independent](#) (07/02, Liddell) also reported on the story.

FBI, Arizona Police Say Tips From Public Helped Arrest Man Who Made Threats

[KGUN \(ABC-9\)](#) (07/02, Staff Writer) reported that Gary M. Restaino, a U.S. Attorney with the District of Arizona, and officials from the University of Arizona Police Department and the FBI held a press conference to discuss developments in threats made at the University of Arizona, involving Michael Pengchung Lee, Tuesday morning. Lee was sentenced today to 16 months in prison for making death threats against University of Arizona fraternities and sororities in 2023. The article mentioned that law enforcement said this was an example of the system working, catching a threat before it was acted upon. Tips from the public helped arrest Lee quickly after he first made threats. The article quoted Jason Alexander, an Arizona Special FBI Agent, who said, "You made the difference in this case." [KVOA \(NBC-4\)](#) (07/02, Spector), and [KOLD \(CBS-13\)](#) (07/02, Wallace) also reported on the story.

Former Iowa Police Chief Sentenced to 5 Years in Prison in Federal Gun Case

The [Associated Press](#) (07/02, Staff Writer) reported that a former small-town Iowa police chief has been sentenced to five years in federal prison for lying to authorities to acquire machine guns that prosecutors said he sold for his own profit. The article added that former Adair Police Chief Brad Wendt was convicted in February of making false statements to the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, conspiring to do so, and illegally possessing a machine gun. According to the article, Wendt was indicted in December 2022. Authorities said he bought machine guns for the police department, then sold them for an almost \$80,000 personal profit. Trial evidence showed he bought machine guns for his gun store, including a .50-caliber machine gun he mounted on his armored Humvee, federal prosecutors said. A [DOJ press release](#) from February noted that this case was investigated by ATF and FBI.

FBI Investigating North Charleston's \$1.3 Million Anti-Violence Program

The [Post and Courier](#) (07/02, Herscowitz, Grzeszczak) reported that the FBI has opened an inquiry into North Charleston's \$1.3 million grant program aimed at curbing gun violence in the state's third-largest city, the city's former police chief said. The article added that Greg Gomes said an FBI agent contacted him on June 28 and asked him to preserve all documents related to the city-led initiative. Gomes' last day at the department was June 30; he announced in April his plans to retire. The article mentioned that the probe comes six months after a [Post and Courier](#) investigation found scant oversight and a lack of strategy hampered the first-time program. City Council in December 2022 approved \$100,000 grants to a raft of nonprofits with the goal of slashing gun violence in neighborhoods contending with an uptick in shootings. [WCSC \(CBS-5\)](#) (07/02, Lute) also reported on the story.

FBI Investigating Following Deadly Officer Involved Shooting in Cherokee, North Carolina

[WHNS \(Fox-21\)](#) (07/02, Stoddard) reported that the Charlotte Division of the FBI announced that they are investigating following a deadly officer-involved shooting in Cherokee, North Carolina. The article added that FBI officials said the incident happened on July 1 and involved the Cherokee Police Department. According to officials, a suspect passed away following the shooting.

Continued Reporting: Texas Man Arrested by FBI Over Alleged School Shooting Plans

[MY SA](#) (07/02, Romero) reported that a Texas Hill Country teen was arrested after someone went to the FBI to report the 19-year-old's alleged intentions to go on a mass shooting spree. The New Braunfels resident reportedly talked about his plans for a school shooting to his then-girlfriend. The article added

that Cameron Peterson was indicted on gun charges after an anonymous whistleblower reported him to the FBI for planning a mass shooting. According to the article, the "tipster" said to the FBI that Peterson "has severe emotional issues, idolizes violence and school shootings," according to the criminal complaint documents. The anonymous tip to the FBI was based on secondhand information by Peterson's girlfriend who broke up with him for a short period of time. The ex-girlfriend told the tipster that Peterson kept "dozen or so" journals with detailed "fantasies and plans" for a school shooting, he also talked about his plans to carry out the crime, according to the documents.

FBI Task Force Officer Accuses North Texas Man of Flying Drone Over Globe Life Field During Game

[WFAA \(ABC-8\)](#) (07/02, Yanes) reported that an FBI Task Force officer has accused Jason Carvell Banner of flying a drone around Globe Life Field while it was under a temporary flight restriction (TFR) during a Texas Rangers game. The article stated that according to the criminal complaint, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) issued a TFR, which temporarily restricts all aircraft from operating within three nautical miles of any regular or postseason Major League Baseball game. This is also known as the stadium TFR, and it goes into effect one hour before the start of an event and ends one hour after the event is over. The article mentioned that the criminal complaint says that on Oct. 19, 2023, Arlington police officers responded to parking lot D of the stadium about a small unmanned aircraft -- or a drone -- while the Rangers hosted the Houston Astros. According to the document, Texas Rangers security was with the accused operator, Banner. Banner allegedly admitted to police that he was flying the drone that evening and let an FBI special agent examine it after this confession, the document states. The complaint states that the FBI Task Force officer confirmed the drone had flown in the TFR area and with his experience he noted that the drone has a feature that alerts operators if they are in a restricted airspace. Due to this knowledge, the Task Force officer believes that Banner knowingly and willfully violated the TFR, the complaint states.

Oakland Mayor Sheng Thao Addresses FBI Raid and More

[KTVU \(Fox-2\)](#) (07/02, Staff Writer) reported that Oakland Mayor Sheng Thao gave her first interview with a news organization on Tuesday following the FBI raid on her house at the end of June. The article noted that in a one-on-one interview with KTVU, Thao appeared confident and calm, answering some questions about the agents scouring her Maiden Lane home, but refusing to answer others. She also talked about the recall effort against her, the budget, the sale of the Oakland Coliseum, and the city's new police chief, Floyd Mitchell. The article included an interview transcript concerning the FBI raid.

Florida Developer Tells Friends: 'Allegations Are Entirely False' in FBI Investigation

The [Miami Herald](#) (07/02, Hanks, Weaver) reported that Miami developer Sergio Pino this week told friends and professional contacts he's innocent in the FBI's investigation into threats made against his wife and said he's been frustrated by not being able to tell his side of the story after the probe became public last week. The article noted that the Herald reported that federal investigators are looking into the possibility that Pino hired others to menace his estranged wife after she moved out of their Coral Gables home and filed for divorce in 2022. Four men have been charged with stalking Tatiana Pino in connection with a hit-and-run incident last summer when a man driving a rented Home Depot truck rammed her car at her Pinecrest home. Last week, FBI agents raided Sergio Pino's home and business in Coral Gables as part of its ongoing investigation into the threats.

Prison Scheme to Murder Witness, Prosecutors and Rival Gang Members Foiled by FBI

The [Providence Journal](#) (07/02, Reynolds) reported that a prisoner in a federal holding facility in Rhode Island conspired with another man to kill five people, including two federal prosecutors, according to an indictment handed up by a grand jury last week in U.S. District Court. The article added that Elijah Melton

faced fentanyl trafficking charges and was held at the Donald F. Wyatt Detention Facility. While there, he set a plan in motion to target two assistant U.S. Attorneys, two rival gang members, and a hostile witness on whose head he put a \$150,000 bounty, according to an FBI agent's affidavit. According to the article, to set the scheme in motion, Melton sought assistance from another prisoner at the Wyatt Detention Facility earlier this year who eventually told the FBI about the plot, says the affidavit, which was filed in U.S. District Court, Boston, in May.

FBI Arrests Pennsylvania Man for Allegedly Dealing Fentanyl

The [News-Item](#) (07/02, Zyla) reported that a man who was charged by state police last year with selling fentanyl to an undercover trooper three times between July 25 and Aug. 8 was taken into custody by the FBI and Shamokin police Tuesday morning pursuant to a federal grand jury indictment outlining similar offenses. The article stated that Francesco Banks, 38, pleaded not guilty on Tuesday in the United States District Court of the Middle District of Pennsylvania to three counts of distribution of a controlled substance, possession with intent to distribute a controlled substance and possession of a firearm by a felon for offenses alleged to have taken place between July 25 and Sept. 21 in Shamokin.

Onlyfans Vows It's a Safe Space. Predators Are Exploiting Kids There.

[Reuters](#) (07/02, So, Marshall, Szep) reported that half of the 30 police complaints about child exploitation on OnlyFans said Twitter, Instagram, Snapchat, and other social media played a role in promoting the content. X, then called Twitter, helped 25-year-old Wyatt Maxwell earn thousands of dollars on OnlyFans before federal investigators discovered he had been exploiting a boy. According to the article, Maxwell, a cabaret singer, repeatedly filmed himself and a 16-year-old Kansas boy having sex at Maxwell's home and a local park in 2020 and 2021. He posted about 20 videos on OnlyFans and a smaller rival website, JustFor.Fans, charging subscribers \$15 a month on both platforms. The article noted that a JustFor.Fans spokesperson said the website was informed about Maxwell's account by the FBI in February 2021 and immediately shut it down. "We take any activities involving minors incredibly seriously," he added.

FBI Releases Image of Person Wanted in Florida Bank Robbery

[WPEC \(CBS-12\)](#) (07/02, Viviani) reported that the FBI shared a surveillance image Tuesday of the individual wanted in connection with a bank robbery in Davie. The article stated that the incident took place shortly after 1:30 p.m. when a robber went into a PNC Bank branch and demanded money, the federal agency explained. The article mentioned that anyone with information about the robbery is asked to call the FBI's Miami office.

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CYBER DIVISION

The Tech Crash Course That Trains U.S. Diplomats to Spot Threats

[WIRED](#) (07/02, Geller) reported that the U.S. State Department is training diplomats in cybersecurity, privacy, telecommunications, and other technology issues to advance U.S. policy abroad. According to the article, the week-long in-person class consists of 45- to 90-minute sessions on topics such as internet freedom, privacy, ransomware, 5G, and AI. Diplomats learn how the internet works on a technical level, and how the military and the FBI coordinate with foreign partners to take down hackers' computer networks. Nathaniel Fick, the US ambassador-at-large for cyberspace and digital policy, emphasized the importance of understanding these issues, stating, "Technology as a source of influence is increasingly foundational." The article noted that the training program aims to equip diplomats with the skills to identify digital shortcomings and security gaps in their host countries, thereby enhancing America's tech diplomacy and countering threats from adversaries like Russia and China.

FBI Warns of Increased Cyber Threats to Expanding U.S. Renewable Energy Sector

The [Center Square](#) (07/02, Mckendry) reported that the FBI has issued an official alert to the public about the potential for malicious cyber actors to disrupt power generation, steal intellectual property, or hold critical information for ransom within the U.S. renewable energy sector. The warning comes as federal and local governments increasingly advocate for renewable energies, expanding the industry and creating more opportunities for cyber threats. The article added that according to the FBI, a 2019 incident underscored these risks when a private company lost visibility into approximately 500 megawatts of its wind and photovoltaic sites across California, Utah, and Wyoming due to a denial-of-service attack exploiting an unpatched firewall. Federal agencies, including the Department of Defense, the largest energy consumer within the U.S. government, are increasingly sourcing energy from local electric grids. The article mentioned that researchers are developing passive sensor devices to detect unusual electrical activity and counter such threats. By detecting deviations from normal patterns or unexpected fluctuations in electrical activity, these sensors can effectively identify potential cyber intrusions or unauthorized access attempts targeting the system's functionality. [Industrial Cyber](#) (07/02, Ribeiro) also reported on the story.

Ticketmaster Data Hack Update: What Does it Mean for Millions of Customers

[Newsweek](#) (07/02, Gooding) reported that Ticketmaster has confirmed to customers in the U.S. that it experienced a data breach earlier this year, but insisted that their accounts with the site were secure. Users of the ticket-selling site began sharing emails they had received last week about the data breach, first reported in late May. Email addresses, phone numbers, and some encrypted payment information were included in the breach, the company said, adding that it was notifying customers who had been affected. The article mentioned that the group behind the data breach was reported to be ShinyHunters, which first appeared in 2020. The article noted that the FBI reportedly tried to stop the hackers by shutting down the site they used to operate in May but without success.

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Continued Reporting: Bahamas Authorities Find Phone of Chicago Woman Who Went Missing During Yoga Retreat

[NBC News](#) (07/02, Romero) reported that authorities in the Bahamas said Tuesday the search for an American woman who disappeared during a yoga retreat is a top priority amid calls by friends and family members for U.S. intervention. The article noted that the Royal Bahamas Police Force said in a statement that it found the cell phone and other items belonging to Chicago resident Taylor Casey, 41, who was last seen at a Paradise Island yoga retreat on June 19. The article stated that the device was found in nearby waters, the police force said, and her journal and other personal items were also discovered as part of its response after Sivananda Ashram Yoga Retreat Bahamas reported Casey missing on June 20. Casey's U.S. passport hasn't been found, the police force said. It said it has deployed divers, drones, tracking dogs, and Paradise Island-based officers in its ongoing search. Also Tuesday, Chicago police issued a missing persons alert for Casey, asking anyone who knows where she might be to get in touch. [CNN](#) (07/02, Mascarenhas) reported that the family is now calling for the FBI to take over the investigation into Casey's disappearance. Casey's family and friends have spoken to FBI officials on the phone since returning, but those calls have not led to the agency intervening in the case, according to the release. [UPI](#) (07/02, Coote) also reported on the story.

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Supreme Court Gives Boost to Jan. 6 Defendants Affected by Obstruction Ruling

[NBC News](#) (07/02, Hurley, Reilly) reported that the Supreme Court has remanded the cases of two men, Edward Lang and Garret Miller, involved in the Jan. 6 Capitol riot, to lower courts to re-evaluate the applicability of obstruction charges following a recent ruling. According to the article, this ruling, which favored another defendant, Joseph Fischer, questioned whether the obstruction statute was applicable to their actions during the riot. The article noted that Edward Lang was reported to have been swept up in the crowd's violence, struggling with police officers in what he claimed was self-defense. Garret Miller was accused of pushing against officers both outside and inside the Capitol, and he also made threats on social media against Representative Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez.

Illinois Man Pleads Guilty in Attack on Officers During Jan. 6 Capitol Riot

[UPI](#) (07/02, Heuer) and [Chicago Sun-Times](#) (07/02, Sherry) reported that Robin Lee Reiersen, 69, from Schiller Park, Illinois, pleaded guilty to assaulting police officers during the January 6 Capitol riot. Federal prosecutors said he positioned himself in front of a police barricade and pushed a barrier made of bicycle racks into a line of police officers. He was arrested by FBI agents on August 23 and is among over 1,450 individuals charged with federal crimes related to the event. The articles noted that the ongoing investigation highlights the severity of the riot, with more than 500 people facing charges for felony assaults on police officers or impeding law enforcement.

FBI Arrests Arkansas Man for Allegedly Assaulting Officers During Jan. 6

[KARK \(NBC-4\)](#) (07/02, Ramirez) reported that the FBI arrested David Michael Camden, a 45-year-old man from Tontitown, Arkansas, for his alleged role in assaulting officers during the January 6 riot. According to the article, Camden faces multiple charges, including felony offenses of assaulting, resisting, or impeding certain officers, and was involved in actions such as pushing a bike rack barricade at police and deploying a fire extinguisher against them. The article noted that the FBI said they arrested Camden in Fayetteville and that Camden was nicknamed the "#littlemansprayer."

Florida Man Sentenced for Assaulting Law Enforcement During Jan. 6 Capitol Breach

[Tallahassee Democrat](#) (07/02, Barrera) reported that Raymund Joseph Cholod, a 54-year-old from Tallahassee, was sentenced to 40 months in federal prison for assaulting police officers during the January 6 Capitol riot. The article explained that on January 6, Cholod was among the first group of rioters in the tunnel leading into the Capitol, where he engaged in violent actions against police, including throwing a stick and shouting at them. The article explained that the FBI received a tip from a confidential source in February 2022, tying Cholod to a motel in St. Petersburg. FBI agents interviewed employees at the unnamed motel. After showing surveillance photos from the U.S. Capitol, two employees said he had been a guest in 2019. A former direct supervisor of Cholod was later contacted and identified him as the man in surveillance photos at the U.S. Capitol.

Ohio Man Pleads Guilty to Assaulting Law Enforcement During Jan. 6 Capitol Breach

[WOIO \(CBS-19\)](#) (07/02, Koster) reported that Kyle Andrew Campbell, a 31-year-old from Columbus, Ohio, pleaded guilty to assaulting law enforcement during the January 6 breach of the U.S. Capitol. According to the Department of Justice, Campbell was actively involved in the riot, where he overcame barriers, confronted police, and at one point, forcibly rushed and struck an officer with a riot shield. The article noted that the FBI arrested Campbell on December 11, 2023, as part of an ongoing investigation.

Pennsylvania Proud Boys Member Sentenced to Prison for Role in Jan. 6 Capitol Riot

[WTFX \(FOX-29\)](#) (07/02, Staff Writer) reported that Brian Healion, a 33-year-old member of the Philadelphia chapter of the Proud Boys, was sentenced to 100 days in prison and 36 months of supervised release for his involvement in the January 6 Capitol riot. According to the article, Healion, who was part of a subgroup within the Proud Boys known as the Ministry of Self-Defense, participated in the breach, leading chants and crossing police barriers during the event. The article noted that he was arrested by the FBI on December 10, 2021, in Upper Darby, and the ongoing investigation has led to over 1,450 people being charged nationwide, including more than 500 for assaulting or impeding law enforcement.

Judge Grants Search Warrant for Conservative Influencer's Phone in Jan. 6 Investigation

[WUSA \(CBS-9\)](#) (07/02, Fischer) reported that Chief Judge James Boasberg of the D.C. District Court authorized a search warrant for the phone of conservative influencer Isabella Maria DeLuca, reversing a prior decision that deemed the potential evidence as too outdated. According to the article, this decision came after the Justice Department demonstrated probable cause, arguing that digital data could still be retrieved from DeLuca's devices via her iCloud account despite the time elapsed since the January 6 Capitol riot. The article noted that DeLuca, who participated in the riot and allegedly facilitated the theft and use of a table as a weapon against police, faces multiple misdemeanor charges and was arrested in California in March.

Virginia School Board Member Sentenced for Participation in Jan. 6 Capitol Riot

[WJLA \(ABC-7\)](#) (07/02, Lockman) reported that Miles Brandon Adkins, a school board member from Frederick County, Virginia, was sentenced to two years of probation, including 12 days of intermittent confinement, for his involvement in the January 6 Capitol riot. According to the article, the FBI obtained Facebook messages sent by Adkins detailing his plans for the trip to D.C. and his activities on the day, which included entering the Capitol after attending former President Trump's rally. The article noted that Adkins also mentioned previous trips to D.C. to escort individuals associated with the Oath Keepers, and as part of his sentence, he was ordered to pay \$500 in restitution and a \$1,000 fine.

Arkansas Man Pleads Guilty to Charges After Entering U.S. Capitol During Jan. 6 Riot

[KTHV \(CBS-11\)](#) (07/02, Banks) reported that Daniel Hatcher, a 73-year-old from Little Rock, pleaded guilty to multiple charges including disorderly conduct and parading in a Capitol building, related to his actions during the January 6 riot. According to the article, Hatcher was arrested on February 12 after the FBI received tips and conducted interviews with him on January 13 and 15, 2021, where he admitted to attending Trump's rally and entering the Capitol. The article noted that the Department of Justice outlined that Hatcher could face up to six months in prison, a probationary period of up to five years, and a fine of up to \$5,000.

Attorneys Face Deadline to Wrap Jan. 6 Prosecutions. That Could Slide if Trump Wins

[CBS News](#) (07/02, MacFarlane) reported that the Supreme Court decision affecting Jan. 6 defendants has introduced uncertainty regarding the future of obstruction charges, possibly influencing cases against nearly 250 individuals charged with such offenses during the Capitol riot. According to the article, the FBI is actively seeking help to identify individuals from video footage who were involved in violent assaults on federal officers during the incident. The article highlighted the extensive scope of the investigations, noting that with the statute of limitations extending to January 2026, federal prosecutors are under pressure to wrap up cases. They may be further complicated by potential pardons Donald Trump has suggested he might grant if reelected.

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Whistleblower Says FBI Abuses Security Clearance to ‘Purge’ Conservatives, Views Them as ‘Unworthy’ of Employment

The [New York Post](#) (07/02, Christenson) reported that the FBI is abusing its security clearance process to “purge” political conservatives from the Bureau, according to recent whistleblower disclosures reviewed by the Post. The article stated that the federal law enforcement agency’s Security Division has been suspending or revoking clearances for employees whose political affiliation or COVID-19 vaccination status are suspect, a supervisory special agent who formerly worked in the division alleges. According to the article, the unnamed agent, who is described as “a registered Democrat” and is represented by the nonprofit Empower Oversight, further claims that high-ranking officials in the division believed “if an FBI employee fit a certain profile as a political conservative, they were viewed as security concerns and unworthy to work at the FBI.” The article mentioned the case of Marcus Allen, a former FBI staff operations specialist (SOS) suspended without pay for more than two years, the officials ignored “possibly exculpatory information” and overruled investigators who “concluded SOS Allen’s ‘Allegiance to the United States’ was not in question and that the suspension of his security clearance was not warranted.” That decision came after Allen informed his supervisors at the FBI’s Charlotte Field Office that he did not intend to take the COVID-19 vaccine. The article noted that Empower President Tristan Leavitt revealed in a letter to members of Congress on Tuesday that the supervisory special agent has since been retaliated against for disclosing “the improper suspension and revocation of other employee’s security clearances” besides Allen’s. The article added that the agent’s full whistleblower disclosure and retaliation complaint was also submitted by Empower to the Department of Justice’s Office of the Inspector General (DOJ OIG) and Office of Professional Responsibility on June 28. The article quoted Leavitt, who said, “The outcomes of clearance investigations and adjudications were often pre-determined by the Division’s acting Deputy Assistant Director and the acting Section Chief responsible for security clearance investigations and adjudications, who often overruled line staff and even dictated the wording of documents in the clearance process, over the last few years, the FBI has used the clearance process as a means to force employees out of the FBI by inflicting severe financial distress: suspending their clearance, suspending them from duty without pay, requiring them to obtain permission to take any other job while stuck in this unpaid limbo, and delaying their final clearance adjudication indefinitely — even years.” Leavitt warned in his letter to lawmakers that “the same officials at the heart of much of this inappropriate behavior are either still leading the Division or rewarded with senior leadership positions within the FBI.” He urged them to “independently corroborate” the whistleblower’s disclosures “and pass legislation to fix the abusive security clearance process and successfully protect future whistleblowers.” Leavitt also told DOJ Inspector General Michael Horowitz that the whistleblowing supervisory special agent — who was indefinitely suspended just a year before being eligible for retirement — “should be immediately returned to duty and provided back pay and benefits for his time on unpaid leave.” The [Federalist](#) (07/02, Justice), and [Daily Signal](#) (07/02, Lucas) also reported on the story.

Continued Reporting: Teddy Roosevelt’s Watch, Stolen in 1987, Turns up at Florida Auction House

The [Washington Post](#) (07/02, Edwards) reported that on Thursday, officials returned a pocket watch engraved with President Theodore Roosevelt’s name to Roosevelt’s family home at Sagamore Hill National Historic Site in Oyster Bay, N.Y., on Long Island. The article stated that Sagamore had owned and displayed the watch since his death in 1919. But a thief stole the watch in 1987 while it was being loaned to another historic site associated with the 26th president, and it fell off the radar for more than 35 years until Edwin Bailey started advertising an auction for the piece online. The article mentioned that the

advertisement led agents from the National Park Service and the FBI to start investigating and, eventually, to show up at Bailey's auction house for the watch.

Continued Reporting: FBI IT Support Services Contract

Buchanan & Edwards Wins Spot on \$8B FBI IT Support Services Contract

[Washington Exec](#) (07/02, Staff Writer) reported that Buchanan & Edwards Inc. has won a spot on a 5-year, \$8 billion blanket purchase agreement with the FBI in partnership with Metrostar. The article added that as the lead of the Contractor Teaming Agreement, BE will address critical technical needs and help with future project and program outcomes for the FBI. The article quoted Eric Olson, CEO of BE, who said, "This contract is poised to deliver the next generation of modernization and innovation to support the FBI's ever evolving mission requirements, this evolving landscape includes emerging technical challenges, such as Generative AI and Quantum Computing, which has impacts that aren't even fully grasped today. Together, with Metrostar, we will be able to deliver the comprehensive set of capabilities required to address whatever the future might throw at us."

ASRC Federal Subsidiary Wins Spot on \$8B FBI IT Support Services Contract

[Washington Exec](#) (07/02, Staff Writer) reported that ASRC Federal subsidiary Vistrionix, LLC is an awardee on the FBI's Information Support Supplies and Services-2 contract. Under the contract, Vistrionix will compete for task orders to provide IT support services to the FBI and other Department of Justice agencies. The article quoted Sanjay Sardar, president of the civilian & health operating group at ASRC Federal, who said, "This award will give ASRC Federal a new avenue to support a broader range of customers within the FBI and across DOJ, this award is a testament to our proven track record of delivering superior service and support to government with a dynamic team that is at the forefront of innovation. We look forward to further building our relationship with the FBI in the years to come."

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- 11:30 AM: The President receives the President's Daily Brief; The Vice President attends.
- 12:15 PM: The President and The Vice President have lunch
- 4:45 PM: The President delivers remarks at a Medal of Honor Ceremony at the White House by 12:00 pm edt)
- 6:30 PM: The President meets with Democratic Governors

Vice President Harris

- 11:30 AM: The President receives the President's Daily Brief; The Vice President attends.
- 12:15 PM: The President and The Vice President have lunch

US Senate

- No events scheduled.

US House of Representatives

- No events scheduled.

Cabinet Members

- No events scheduled.

Visitors

- No events scheduled.

General Events

- Brookings Institution: NATO at 75: Old or bold? – Wednesday, July 3, 2024. Location: Online Event, 10:00 AM. On July 9-11, 2024, U.S. President Joe Biden will welcome the leaders of NATO allies to Washington for the alliance's 75th anniversary summit. The landmark summit is coming at a critical time for the war in Ukraine and as the U.S. presidential campaign gets into full swing. The alliance, now counting 32 members, is undergoing its own leadership transition as longtime Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg prepares to pass the reins to Dutch Prime Minister Mark Rutte. Meanwhile, Ukraine's future hangs in the balance amidst Russian bombardment of its cities and continued division among NATO allies about its path to membership. And allied territorial deterrence and defense acquire new meaning as Russian hybrid actions against member states intensify. On July 3, the Center on the United States and Europe at Brookings will convene a panel of experts to discuss the state of European security and trans-Atlantic relations, how the results of elections in France and United States might affect NATO's ability to counter its challenges, and expectations for the summit.

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