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A Memphis Safe Task Force Report

National Girls and Women in Sports Day

Winter storm does not stop Memphis Safe Task Force from making Memphis safer and operation reflects it

MEMPHIS, Tenn. January 29, 2026– The Memphis Safe Task Force on Wednesday (January 28) executed 22 criminal arrests and recovered another illegal firearm.

Of note:
Rodricko Davis, 38, was arrested for assault for striking a woman on the head with a brick in the 100 block of South Walnut Bend. Davis was hostile and combative with arresting MSTF officers but was ultimately taken safely into custody.

Mica'h Finney, 20, was arrested for robbery of a motor vehicle after the Memphis Police Department issued a be-on-the-lookout alert at 5:36 p.m. for a carjacking at knifepoint. MSTF officers located the stolen vehicle and conducted a traffic stop in the 3700 block of Mountain Terrace Boulevard. Finney was the driver.

Darnavius Wayne, 31, was arrested for failure to appear for vandalism by MSTF officers responding to a call for service about a man with a gun who had assaulted a woman in the 1100 block of South Perkins. Wayne

was charged with possession of a stolen firearm after arresting officers recovered a stolen .40-caliber pistol.

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those who pose a threat to public safety.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., January 30, 2026 – The Memphis Safe Task Force on Thursday (Jan. 29) executed 16 criminal arrests and seized five more illegal firearms.

Of note:
MSTF members responding to a request for assistance from Memphis Police Department–Homicide Division in the 3200 block of Amselle Circle arrested a 15-year-old for first-degree murder in connection with the Jan. 28 death of his brother. MSTF transported the juvenile to MPD-Homicide for interviews and follow-on booking.

Deonta Jones, 39, was arrested for possession of a handgun by a convicted felon, burglary, possession with intent to sell a controlled substance, and theft of property (\$10,000-\$60,000). MSTF members executed a search warrant following the arrest in the 2700 block of Filmore Avenue and recovered a 9 mm handgun, \$1,207, 100 oxyco-

done pills, 3.45 pounds of marijuana and 34.9 grams of cocaine.
Courtney Bobo, 20, was arrested for possession of a prohibited weapon and possession of a conversion device. While responding to a separate call for service for a suicidal subject, MSTF members observed three men on the side of the road and heard three gunshots coming from the group. MSTF activated emergency lights and observed Bobo throwing an object into the snow. MSTF members exited their vehicle and took Bobo and another man into custody. The third man fled. A search of the

area resulted in the recovery of a 9 mm handgun with a conversion switch, three spent rounds and an extended magazine.

Since the launch of the Memphis Safe Task Force initiative, officers have made 5,602 arrests and seized 915 illegal firearms, as well as substantial quantities of narcotics, and related contraband. These enforcement actions reflect a sustained commitment to reducing violent crime and removing dangerous weapons from Memphis neighborhoods.

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Anyone with information about wanted fugitives is encouraged to submit it via the USMS Tips app.

MEMPHIS, Tenn. January 30, 2026 – The Memphis Athletic Department and 901Women will celebrate National Girls and Women in Sports Day with its women's programs and staff members Feb. 1-7.

"National Girls and Women in Sports Day is both a celebration and a commitment. At Memphis, we honor the women who paved the way, invest in the leaders shaping today, and create pathways for the girls who will define the future of sports," Associate Athletic Director, Annual Fund & Women's Initiatives Kela Jones said. "Through 901Women and the Power Summit, we are affirming that women's athletics is not a moment; it is a movement rooted in excellence, opportunity, and belonging."

The week wraps up on Saturday, Feb. 7 for 901Women Day at the Memphis Tiger women's basketball game against Rice sponsored by FedEx. Campus School will be back inside Elma Roane Fieldhouse to join the Tiger women's basketball team for starting lineups while Memphis women's athletic programs will be recognized during the game.

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2025 Tennessee Bureau of Investigation (TBI) figures show across the board declines in major crime categories

The Memphis Shelby Crime Commission and the University of Memphis Public Safety Institute have released preliminary figures from the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation (TBI) for 2025 showing across the board declines in major crime categories.

Major violent crime includes victims of reported murders, rapes, robberies, and aggravated assaults. In Memphis, the major violent crime rate dropped 27.6 percent compared to 2024 and, significantly, was lower than all eight previous years (2017-2024). Countywide, the major violent crime rate dropped 27.1 percent compared to 2024, again lower than any of the previous eight years.

2025 MEMPHIS MAJOR VIOLENT CRIME RATES COMPARED TO 2024

- Overall major violent crime: - 27.6 percent
- Murder: -24.9 percent
- Rape: - 27.8 percent
- Robbery: - 31.0 percent
- Aggravated assault: - 26.4 per-

cent
Major property crime includes reported burglaries, vehicle thefts, and other felony thefts. In Memphis, the major property crime rate declined 28.0 percent compared to 2024 and was lower than the previous nine years (2016-2024). Countywide, the major property crime rate declined 27.3 percent compared to 2024. Like Memphis, the countywide rate was lower than any of the previous nine years. (Annual major property crime TBI figures were not maintained prior to 2016.)

2025 MEMPHIS MAJOR PROPERTY CRIME RATES COMPARED TO 2024

- Overall major property crime: - 28.0 percent
- Burglary: - 22.3 percent
- Vehicle theft: - 41.5 percent
- Other felony theft: - 24.4 percent

The TBI also measures an overall crime rate composed of 54 separate categories of crime called Group A crimes. In Memphis, this overall crime rate was also lower than any of the pre-

vious nine years, specifically lower than 2024 by 19.5 percent. This was true for all of Shelby County as well, with an 18.9 percent decline compared to 2024. (Annual overall crime TBI figures were not maintained prior to 2016.)

Also, the TBI measures offenses involving firearms. In Memphis, reported offenses involving firearms dropped 25.3 percent compared to 2024 and 24.9 percent compared to 2024 countywide.

Reported domestic violence offenses also dropped in 2025 compared to 2024 but not by as much as the other major categories. In Memphis, the decline compared to 2024 was 4.7 percent, and countywide it was 5.2 percent.

"In many respects, 2025 was a breakthrough year in our community's efforts to reduce and prevent crime. Significant declines began in 2024 and continued at a faster pace in 2025. The rate of decline improved even more in the latter part of 2025, aided no doubt by federal and state assistance in investigating and solving crimes and serving outstanding felony arrest

warrants," said Bill Gibbons, president of the Crime Commission and executive director of the Public Safety Institute.

Gibbons noted the significant reduction in murders, reported firearms offenses, and reported vehicle thefts as especially encouraging signs in making the community safer.

"We have a long way to go to be as safe as we need to be. We still had over 11,000 reported victims of violent crime in Memphis in 2025. That's way too many to accept things as they are," he stated.

Gibbons singled out domestic violence as an especially challenging area to confront. The Tennessee Office of Criminal Justice Programs has awarded the Public Safety Institute a grant to head up a coordinated community response to domestic violence, part of which is to create a strategic plan to address this challenge.

Earlier this year, the Memphis Police Department (MPD) issued

2025 crime numbers which differ from the TBI figures.

That's because, with some exceptions such as murders, MPD uses an incident count method

while the TBI counts the number of victims.

However, the trend lines are the same, and both methods are valid measurements.

U.S. Attorney's Office announces Fed charges during Memphis Safe Task Force operation period

During the Memphis Safe Task Force operational period from October 1 through December 31, 2025, the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Western District of Tennessee charged a total of 195 defendants, including 136 by criminal complaint and 141 by indictment. The office has also reviewed, approved, and issued over 130 search warrants and has accepted 99.4% of the cases referred for federal prosecution through the Virtual Command Center (VCC) of the task force.

Those numbers include unlawful possession of a firearm by a prohibited person; unlawful possession of a machine gun; Hobbs Act robbery affecting interstate commerce (such as robbery of a

gas station or convenience store); carjacking; possession of a controlled substance with intent to distribute; child exploitation offenses; possession of a firearm in furtherance of a crime of violence or drug trafficking crime; and assaulting, resisting, or impeding federal law enforcement officers.

U.S. Attorney D. Michael Dunavant said, "Our office is committed to supporting the work of the Memphis Safe Task Force by responsive and aggressive federal prosecution of cases involving offenders who pose a significant risk to public safety, to effectively punish, incapacitate, and deter criminal conduct and reduce violent crime."

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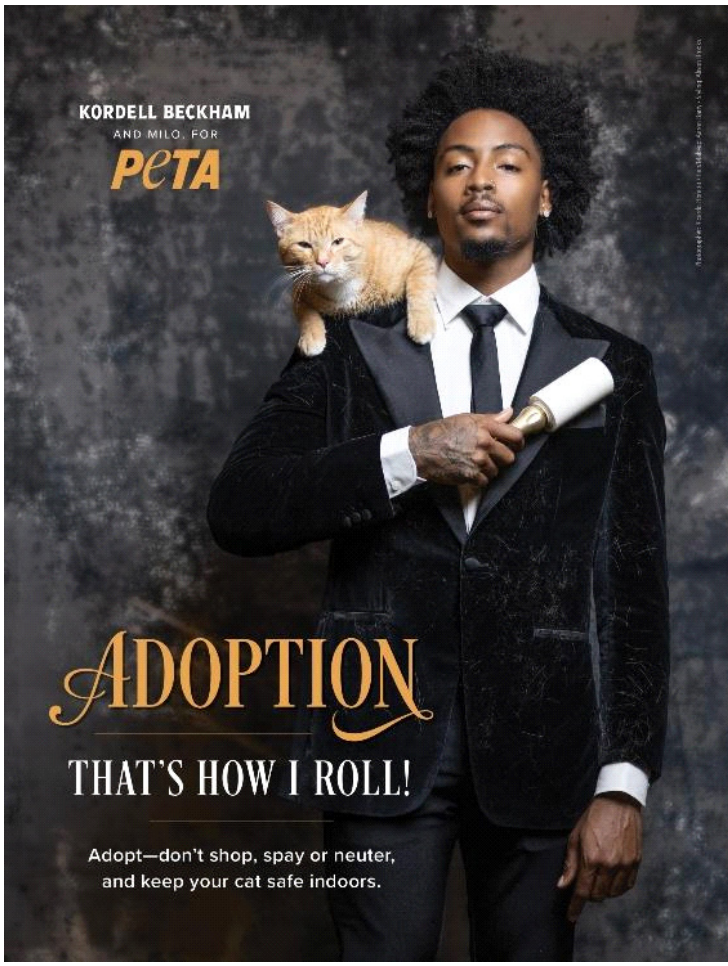
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