

Military, Law, and more ...

Thank you to the Memphis Safe Task Force and National Guard!

“A terror plot named me and the president as targets. Law enforcement saved us,” Sen. Marsha Blackburn tells constituents



By U.S. Sen. Marsha Blackburn and Candidate for Tennessee Governor

On Sunday [June 14, 2026] , I had the honor of joining President Trump, Vice President Vance, cabinet secretaries, and more than 1,000 service members at the White House for UFC Freedom 250. At the nearby Ellipse, tens of thousands of fans from all over the country gath-

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ered for a viewing party, cheering on their favorite fighters. It was an incredible evening of top-level competition, patriotism, and celebration for our nation's 250th anniversary as well as President Trump's birthday. But it could have gone horrifically wrong. Last week, FBI Director Kash Patel announced that federal law enforcement thwarted a planned terror attack by 23 people across

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several states. According to authorities, the suspects intended to launch explosive drones at the event and pick off fleeing attendees with sniper rifles. Amid the chaos, they then planned to storm the White House grounds. Five plotters, who are now in custody, had amassed tactical gear, rifles, and thousands of rounds of ammunition to inflict as much harm as possible. Among the named potential targets: President Trump, Vice President Vance, and several lawmakers—including me. Federal investigators say the plotters were motivated by a desire to target “capitalist elites,” “billionaires,” and supporters of Israel. It is deeply unsettling that anyone could have such vitriol in their heart and would resort to

such appalling political violence. Make no mistake: Nothing will deter me from celebrating or serving this great nation. I am grateful to Director Patel, the FBI, and every law enforcement officer for keeping attendees safe and for working day and night to track down all the participants in this terror plot. At a time of rising political violence, Tennesseans and Americans across the country want to feel safe and secure in their homes, at work, and in their communities. Under President Trump's leadership, Republicans have focused on ensuring our federal law enforcement agencies have all the resources they need to do their jobs and uphold public safety. It's why we recently passed the Secure America Act, a landmark law that will fund Immigration and Customs Enforcement and Customs and Border Protection through the end of President Trump's second term. That way, federal law enforcement officers are empowered to track down violent criminal illegal aliens—including people like 31-year-old Abraham Alvarez, an illegal alien from Mexico whom authorities have identified as the ringleader of the UFC terror plot. Alvarez, who is now in federal custody, received deportation relief from the Obama administra-

tion in 2014 despite overstaying his visa. Federal investigators allege that he planned, organized, and directed the terror plot, telling co-conspirators that the explosive drones should be “as many and as deadly as we can get.” Needless to say, Alvarez should have never been allowed in our country. Yet Democrats have worked to defund federal law enforcement and abolish the one agency responsible for tracking down foreign criminals like him: ICE. For 76 days, they kept the Department of Homeland Security shut down, leaving critical agencies and public safety operations unfunded to score points with their far-left base. Every single Democrat voted against the Secure America Act, siding with criminal illegal aliens over law-abiding citizens. For 250 years, America has remained the greatest country in the history of the world. Our law enforcement—who keep the peace, enforce the rule of law, and safeguard our freedoms—are a big reason why. Last week's thwarted terror plot is a powerful reminder of that fact. And as long as Republicans are in charge, law enforcement officers will have the support they need to do their jobs.

FBI awards Federal and Remington Ammunition with FBI Rifle contract

The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) recently awarded Federal and Remington Ammunition—both part of The Kinetic Group (TKG)—one of the largest law enforcement contracts in TKG's history. The contract is valued at \$77.4 million. Federal was chosen to be the sole supplier in all four of the rifle product categories including Duty, Training Reduced Lead, Non-Jacketed and Jacketed Frangible ammunition. Remington, along with additional technology from HEVI, paired to provide the fourth product category in Jacketed Frangible ammunition. Delivery is expected to begin in 2026. "This is a tremendous honor for our company. All our brands are humbled and excited to build and deliver ammunition to the FBI. It is one of the most prestigious contracts ever awarded in our long-established company history," said CEO Jason Vanderbrink. "To receive an award in all four of the requested categories is an accomplishment we are extremely proud of. This is a great source of pride for our highly skilled American workforce dedicated to engineering and building the most advanced ammunition in the world." In duty, Federal will supply 5.56mm, 64-grain Premium® Tactical Bonded. In Training Reduced Lead, Federal will supply 5.56mm, 64-grain Modified Jacketed Soft Point. In Jacketed Frangible, Remington will

"This is a tremendous honor for our company. All our brands are humbled and excited to build and deliver ammunition to the FBI. It is one of the most prestigious contracts ever awarded in our long-established company history," said CEO Jason Vanderbrink. supply 5.56mm, 55-grain Disintegrator Lead-Free product that includes HEVI's powder metal core with a Remington jacket, and in Non-Jacketed Frangible, Federal will supply 5.56mm, 45-grain Ervin BallistiClean RHT. Federal ammunition can be found at dealers nationwide or purchased online direct from Federal. For more information on all products from Federal or to shop online, visit www.federal-premium.com. Remington Ammunition products are available at dealers nationwide and online. For more information on Remington ammunition and to sign up for product news and special offers, visit www.remington.com. About The Kinetic Group: The Kinetic Group, headquartered in Anoka, MN, is owned by CSG, a globally diversified industrial group based in Prague, Czech Republic. Driven by our values, our people lead the industry as the most trusted champions for hunters, shooting enthusiasts and defenders of freedom worldwide..

The Memphis Safe Task Force (MSTF) arrests its 100th homicide suspect

MEMPHIS, Tenn., June 29, 2026 – The Memphis Safe Task Force on Friday, June 26, arrested its 100th homicide suspect. **Michael Wallace, 36**, was arrested Friday and charged with first-degree murder stemming from an incident Thursday. Two masked men were observed fleeing the scene in a black Toyota Camry. MSTF conducted surveillance and located the vehicle. Wallace, the driver, and passengers Andrew Pearson and Laparris Barrett were arrested, charged with murder and transported to Memphis PD Homicide for interrogation. **Travis Williams, 37**, was arrested Friday without incident for attempted first-degree murder stemming from a shooting incident June 21 in which Williams is alleged to have shot several times at his girlfriend's car, striking her in the left shoulder, as she drove away following an argument. MSTF officers conducted a warrant service at Williams'

residence in the 5600 block of Rensselaer Drive. During the arrest MSTF officers observed a handgun in plain sight. They obtained a search warrant and the firearm was seized. Williams was also charged with felon in possession of a firearm. **Mario Lambert, 47**, was arrested Friday without incident for attempted first-degree murder in the 3800 block of Balfour Street after he was positively identified as a suspect by a victim regaining consciousness from a coma. This identification was consistent with evidence gathered during the investigation, including information related to a white truck. Lambert is alleged to have assaulted the victim in an incident May 19 in the 4000 block of Knob Drive. Since the launch of the Memphis Safe Task Force initiative, officers have made 10,593 arrests, 1,179 for controlled substances, 1,024 for firearms violations, and 106 for sex offenses. Of those ar-

rested, 309 were juveniles and 1,142 were known gang members. The task force has seized 1,811 illegal firearms. These enforcement actions reflect a sustained commitment to reducing violent crime and removing dangerous weapons from Memphis neighborhoods. The Memphis Safe Task Force is a multi-agency initiative established via a Presidential Memorandum signed by President Donald Trump on Sept. 15, 2025. Aimed at addressing violent street crime, the task force coordinates federal, state, and local law enforcement and includes mobilized members of the Tennessee National Guard. The MSTF is focused on arresting violent criminals, clearing warrants, seizing firearms, and locating missing children. Since the operation began, the MSTF has located 154 missing children. This operation reflects the MSTF's commitment to coordinated enforcement efforts and its

mission to identify, apprehend, and hold accountable those who pose a threat to public safety. Anyone with information about wanted fugitives is encouraged to submit it via the USMS Tips app. For more information about the U.S. Marshals please visit www.usmarshals.gov. *** *An MSTF Report from June 24* MEMPHIS, Tenn., June 24, 2026 – The Memphis Safe Task Force on Tuesday executed 37 arrests, including a juvenile charged with second-degree murder, and a 61-year-old man for sexual assault of a child. A juvenile was charged with attempted second-degree murder after he was identified as a suspect in a gang-related shooting in Manhattan, New York, on Sept. 9, 2025. The victim was shot multiple times and survived. MSTF received a collateral lead Please see sports-military 3

A Memphis man gets 34 months for attempted assault on a Memphis Safe Task Force officer

MEMPHIS, TN, June 29, 2026 – Courtney Richardson, 36, was sentenced to 34 months in prison for attempting to hit a federal agent with his vehicle. D. Michael Dunavant, of the Western District of Tennessee, announced the sentence on June 29. According to court documents and statements made in court, on December 5, 2025, law enforcement officers and agents on the Memphis Safe Task Force attempted to execute an arrest warrant on Richardson at the Waterford Place Apartments in Memphis when Richardson got into his vehicle and drove toward the exit of the apartment complex. Multiple officers and

agents in marked and unmarked units with lights and sirens activated attempted to block Richardson's exit. Richardson drove through the parking lot, refusing to stop for law enforcement. Richardson drove his vehicle up onto the curb and drove through the lawn between the road and buildings where an agent with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF) pursued Richardson on foot. Richardson then accelerated his vehicle towards the ATF agent, causing the agent to jump out of the way to avoid being hit by Richardson's vehicle. The agent Please see sports-military 3

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