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

Memphis Safe Task Force (MSTF) commemorates first year of relentless action against violent crime to keep citizens safe

MEMPHIS, September 29, 2026 —One year after the Memphis Safe Task Force began its work on September 29, 2025, the multi-agency effort is showing significant declines in crime while reaffirming its commitment to making the city safer. The year of partnerships, enforcement, and community engagement has produced measurable results in Memphis, with crime down across several major categories. Since the same period of time last year, murders are down 37%, sexual assaults are down 30%, robbery is down 47%, and aggravated assault is down 29%. Overall, serious crimes are down nearly 38%. Since the launch of the Memphis Safe Task Force, officers have made 13,140 arrests, including 135 for homicide, 1,406 for controlled substances, 1,303 for firearms violations, and 125 for sex offenses. Of those arrested, 421 were juveniles, 1,461 were known gang members and 1,188 were of individuals arrested more than one time during the operation so far. There have been some offenders arrested up to 7 times in the one-year period. The task force has seized 2,201 illegal firearms. These enforcement actions reflect a sustained commitment to reducing violent crime and removing dangerous weapons from Memphis neighborhoods. The MSTF 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

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"I am incredibly proud of the professionalism of our Guardsmen and women serving on the Memphis Safe Task Force and the positive impact they've had serving our fellow Tennessee citizens in Memphis," said Maj. Gen. Warner Ross, Tennessee's Adjutant General. "Working alongside our partner agencies in law enforcement and emergency response has proven again how critical teamwork is and how the whole-of-government approach greatly benefits our fellow agencies, and more importantly, Tennesseans."

Significant arrests include:
Arsenio Davis, 36, arrested on a first-degree murder charge October 22, 2025, after the MSTF responded to reports of a shooting in the 1600 block of Helsley Street. When they arrived on scene, officers located a female victim who was pronounced deceased on the scene. One officer sustained an injury from a dog bite and a second officer was assaulted by a woman who unlawfully entered the active crime scene. After identifying Davis as

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a possible suspect, Davis fled from the rear of the property and was quickly detained. Inside the residence, officers discovered a second deceased individual who appeared to be partially dismembered.

Lawrence Williams, 25, was arrested Nov. 17, 2025, on a warrant for petition to revoke a suspended sentence for criminal attempt, especially aggravated sexual exploitation of a minor. Through an interagency collaborative effort, investigators learned the whereabouts of Williams, leading Task Force members to the area of Knotty Oaks Drive in Memphis. When Williams refused to open his door, Task Force members forced entry, and their K9 partner Marko located Offender Registry, Williams has criminal history involving sex offenses dating back to 2022. **Alex Rodriguez, aka Rodriguez Aguirres, 52**, arrested Nov. 18, 2025, on an outstanding state warrant for rape of a child and aggravated sexual battery. The arrest occurred during a targeted warrant operation conducted by Task Force members. Rodriguez, a Honduran national, was also determined to be unlawfully present in the United States. The warrant alleges that the victim of these offenses was between the ages of 8 and 13 years old. **Nigel Farmer, 30**, was arrested Nov. 19, 2025, in Omaha, Nebraska, for a first-degree murder

charge stemming from an October 29, 2024, shooting death of a 31-year-old Shelby County woman.

Gabrien Rounds, 20, charged with first-degree murder, two counts of attempted first-degree murder and employing a firearm during a dangerous felony following June 18, 2024, homicide in Castalia Heights, was arrested Dec. 2, 2025, in the 1500 block of Antona Place.

China D. White, 25, a Gangster Disciple gang member charged with two counts of first-degree murder and two counts of attempted first-degree murder in Shelby County following a July 2020 murder on Barron Avenue, was taken into custody at an apartment complex in the 3100 block of Pecan Lake Drive at approximately 9:15 p.m., Dec. 2, 2025.

Eric Wilkerson, 43, was arrested on Dec. 17, 2025, in the area of East Hickory Bluffs on a warrant for attempted first-degree murder. Wilkerson is alleged to have been previously charged with aggravated assault in connection with the February 22, 2024, shooting that killed Adrian Goodrich, a former Bellevue Middle School football coach. Anthony Mason and Xavier Brown, both Kitchen Cripps gang members and alleged witnesses to a December 20 homicide, were arrested Dec. 21, 2025, for unlawful possession of a firearm while intoxicated at a

residence in the 200 block of Grove Dale Street. MSTF officers sized nine firearms – six handguns and three rifles - after they obtained and executed a search warrant for the residence and vehicles at the residence.

Cesar Aguilar, 21, was arrested May 5 after a search warrant on Byron Road yielded narcotics, three firearms and \$20,000 in U.S. currency.

Andrew Delatorre, 19, who was indicted May 24 for child-related sex crimes, including rape of a minor, was arrested June 9 in South Gate, California, after MSTF investigators developed information that he was in California and sent a collateral lead to the U.S. Marshals in Los Angeles to locate and arrest him.

Lysander Davis, 59, and Trey Davis, 25, were arrested June 9 in the 1300 block of Farrow Road on firearms and narcotics charges. Officers recovered approximately 26 pounds of marijuana, three semi-automatic handguns and an AK-47 rifle.

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.

For more information about the U.S. Marshals please visit www.usmarshals.gov.

TN District Attorney Generals Conf. launches Remembrance Wall in honor of homicide victims

TENNESSEE - September 25th, 2026 – In honor of the National Day of Remembrance for Homicide Victims on September 25th, the Tennessee District Attorney Generals Conference (TNDAGC) is launching the Remembrance Wall, a digital memorial that honors the lives of their loved ones.

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They also reflect the strength and resilience of their surviving loved ones as they navigate grief and honor the memories of those they lost.

Together, these profiles preserve the legacies of these individuals and provide their families and friends a space to share their

stories and remember their loved ones.

As part of its Remembrance Wall launch, the TNDAGC is releasing a one-minute tribute video. It is narrated by Carolyn Simmons, the mother of Charvez Simmons (1998-2020), a victim of homicide from McNairy County.

In that one-minute video, Ms. Simmons shares her favorite memories of her son, giving a glimpse into the person he was.

Sec. of War Hegseth signs directive to defend 2026 election from foreign threats

By War.gov

September 28, 2026- In direct support of President Donald J. Trump's commitment to election integrity, Secretary of War Pete Hegseth has signed a memorandum directing the Department of War to mobilize a comprehensive, whole-of-government defense of our election infrastructure from foreign adversaries. Under the Secretary's directive,

U.S. Cyber Command and Combat Support Agencies will prioritize and deploy advanced intelligence and cyber capabilities to identify, disrupt, and neutralize foreign interference in U.S. democratic processes.

"Free and fair elections are the foundation of our republic," said Chief Pentagon Spokesman Sean Parnell. "By working in lockstep with federal, state, and local part-

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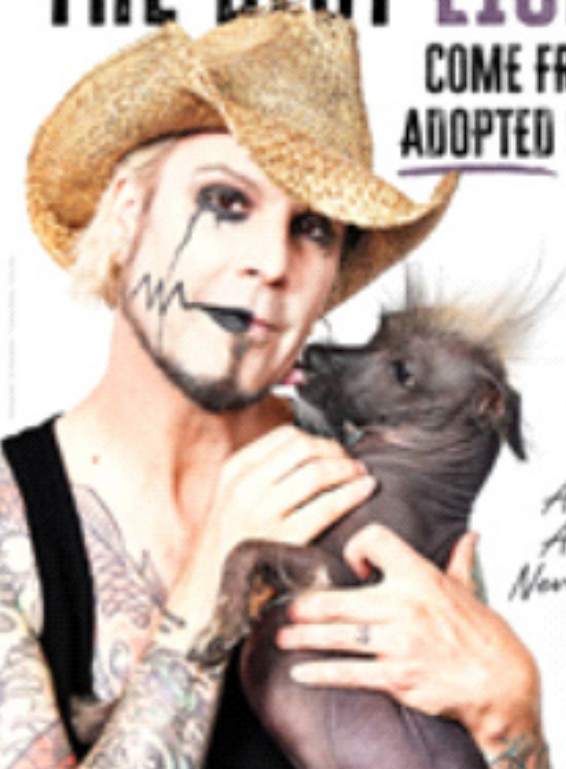
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